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Israel bankrolling secret Arafat fund

ISRAEL has transferred close to NIS 200 million over the last two years to a Tel Aviv bank account, which has been designated mainly for Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's discretionary spending, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned from non-Israeli and Israeli officials.

The money, which has been nicknamed by some as "Fund B" or "the slush fund," consists of gasoline taxes which Israel is supposed to rebate to the PA as revenue for its operating budget.

Officials say a signatory on the account, at a Tel Aviv Bank Leumi branch, is Khalid Salaam, Arafat's financial adviser. Salaam also goes by the name of Mohammed Rashid. There is another Palestinian signatory, but the name is unknown.

"It is known what amounts go into the Tel Aviv Bank Leumi account, but we just do not know what amounts go out and for what purpose," an official told the *Post*. "Apparently, there is a slice of the money that is supposed to and perhaps does make its way for the PA budget. Yet the fund is for Arafat's use and there is no question that the account operates outside of the framework of Palestinian Authority accountability."

There has been speculation that Arafat utilized some of the funds to buy off political opponents - including Islamic elements - but this cannot be confirmed. Nobody has charged so far that Arafat personally pockets any money. The gasoline tax money is formally listed on PA budgets and projections drawn up for donor

countries as PA revenue.

The PA could not be reached for a comment.

Meanwhile, when asked how long this payment policy to the Tel Aviv account will continue, an official in the Prime Minister's Office said, "This matter is now being closely examined by the government and it will take appropriate action once all the details are uncovered."

During 1995 alone, sources confirmed that the Finance Ministry transferred NIS 101 million to the Bank Leumi account. It is estimated by officials that an equivalent amount was transferred to the account during the second half of 1994 and during

the first seven months of 1996.

When asked to comment yesterday, a Bank Leumi spokeswoman said the bank has a policy against divulging the names of account holders and their signatories.

The Bank Leumi account was opened shortly after Israel agreed to give the PA some of the taxes collected from Palestinians in the Israeli-Palestinian economic accord signed in Paris in April 1994.

Shortly thereafter, Arafat wrote a formal letter to the Finance Ministry asking that money from gasoline taxes be transferred to a Bank Leumi account in Tel Aviv and not transferred to regular PA accounts in Gaza.

Israel complied with the request, yet it remains unclear whether then-premier

Yitzhak Rabin or then-foreign minister Shimon Peres okayed the move.

The two dozen countries which provide funding to the PA also know about this account. In fact, sources say, the donors wrote a formal letter to Arafat in April 1995 and asked him to "consolidate" the account into regular PA accounts, which are scrutinized by the international community.

The existence of the account is also said to be known to US congressman Ben Gillman, head of the House International Affairs Committee, who is said to be waiting for an explanation of how the money in this account is being spent before he releases the \$10 million in US aid that he has been holding up since last fall.

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Attempts to set up PM-Arafat meeting stalled

DAVID MAKOVSKY and JON IMMANUEL

ISRAEL and the Palestinian Authority traded proposals yesterday, seeking to break the impasse blocking a summit between Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and PA chairman Yasser Arafat.

It remained unclear last night if the sticking points were related to the set of written understandings to advance the peace process, or tied to disagreements over what would be said in public statements by each leader after the planned meeting.

In an interview on Channel 1, Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat charged that an agreement for a summit had indeed been reached Monday evening with Netanyahu's foreign policy adviser Dore Gold, but it unraveled when Netanyahu's attorney Yitzhak Molcho expressed misgivings about it during a meeting with Arafat in Gaza later that night.

Erekat's remarks would explain the early optimism Monday night that a Netanyahu-Arafat meeting was on the verge of being held. Erekat also insisted that Israel refused to publicly agree to honoring all past commitments, but this could not be confirmed.

The talks are bogged down in procedural as well as substantial matters, according to the Palestinians. "We reached an understanding yesterday with Dr. Gold and to our surprise at 8 p.m. yesterday, another representative from the Israeli government came to Mr. Arafat and said that Gold was not authorized to make agreements," Erekat said last night on Channel 1.

The TV said that the government demanded an enlargement of the Jewish enclave in Hebron and the expansion of joint Israeli-Palestinian patrols to Palestinian-controlled areas of the city. Palestinians say they want implementation of the 10-month-old agreement on Hebron implemented as is.

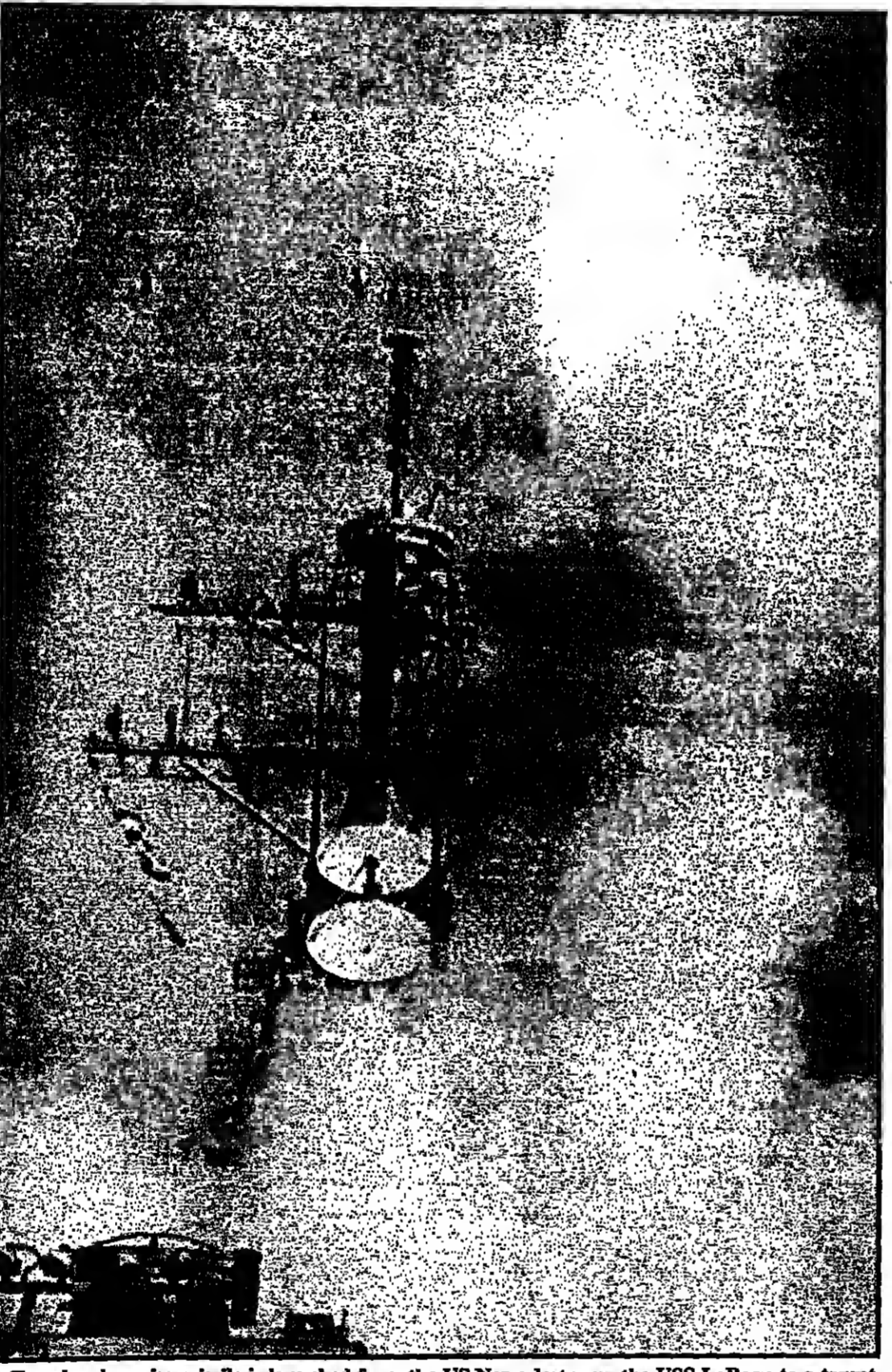
Earlier on Monday, Erekat and Gold were ironing out their differences in talks held at the Laromne Hotel in Jerusalem in the presence of UN Coordinator for the Territories and Norwegian mediator Terje Larsen and his wife and Norwegian diplomat, Mona Juul.

Larsen and Juul shuttled from Arafat's office on Monday night, staying after the Molcho meeting, to the Prime Minister's Office Tuesday morning as proposals were being traded back and forth by intermediaries to break the impasse. No Israeli-Palestinian sessions were actually held yesterday, as the trading of proposals continued into the evening.

The Norwegian duo remained in constant touch with US Special Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross and US Ambassador to Israel Martin Indyk, as sources said "contacts are so close you could call it a Norwegian-American partnership."

Leading Labor MK Ehud Barak said last night that it was pointless for Netanyahu to wait until there was an agreed upon text to meet Arafat, but rather he should meet with him immediately since he is Israel's partner in peace.

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A Tomahawk cruise missile is launched from the US Navy destroyer the USS LaBoon to a target deep inside Iraq yesterday. (Reuters)

Defiant Saddam vows to down allied planes

HILLEL KUTTLER, Jerusalem Post Staff, and news agencies

WITH missile strikes and an expanded no-fly zone, the United States tried yesterday to force Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's army out of the Kurdish safe areas. But fresh fighting in the north and a defiant response from Saddam suggested the confrontation would escalate.

Americans warships and planes fired 27 cruise missiles at military targets in southern Iraq, killing five people, according to both Iraqi and US officials.

It was in response to what Washington said was a "clear and present danger" posed by Baghdad to the Gulf region and its flow of oil.

Possibly anticipating adverse international reaction to the unilateral US strikes, both President Bill Clinton and Defense Secretary William Perry cast the action as a defense of global security interests and said the US reserved the right to hit Iraq again if necessary.

The Clinton administration's top officials said yesterday that the US's actions against Iraq in the past two days have reduced Hussein's ability to strike against his own people or neighboring countries.

"We must make it clear that reckless acts have consequences, or those acts will increase," Clinton said. "We must reduce Iraq's ability to strike out at its neighbors and we must increase America's ability to contain Iraq over the long run."

"Our objectives are limited but clear: to make Saddam pay a price for the latest act of brutality, reducing his ability to threaten his neighbors and America's interests," Clinton said in a prepared statement.

Hours after Clinton announced he had authorized expanding the size of the Iraqi no-fly zone, Perry told reporters the move was taken, in part, out of concern that Iraq's southern neighbors were potential targets.

"We still see that as the principal threat," Perry said at the Pentagon. "And our concern is that if Saddam Hussein is emboldened by what he would see as a success in the north, he might strike out in areas which are of greater strategic importance to him as well as to us in the south. So we want to keep our focus on where our vital national security interests are."

Perry also said the US has had "extensive consultations" with its Middle East allies, "especially with Saudi Arabia," and that they support the extension of the southern no-fly zone.

Clinton announced the extension of the southern no-fly zone north to the 33rd parallel, which he said would "significantly restrict" Saddam's offensive capabilities against his neighbors.

He also announced the US would no longer allow the limited sale of Iraqi oil for humanitarian purposes because of the difficulty now in stationing UN monitors in Iraq.

"Until we are sure these humanitarian supplies can actually get to those who need them, the plan cannot go forward, and the Iraqi government will be denied the new resources it had been expecting," he said.

Perry said that US intelligence more than a week ago detected Iraq's military buildup near the Kurdish areas in the north. The US warned Iraq last Wednesday not to take any military action but it ignored the warning and sent about 40,000 troops, "including many tanks and hundreds of artillery pieces" into Irbil, Perry said.

He said Clinton ordered him last week to draw up contingency plans to counter Iraq's offensive moves in the north, at which time Secretary of State Warren Christopher sent diplomatic messages to Saddam warning

against proceeding.

The assault set off air raid sirens in the capital of Baghdad and prompted Saddam to announce that he would no longer honor the no-fly zones that bar his warplanes from the skies of northern and southern Iraq.

"From now on, pay no attention to damned imaginary no-fly zones," Saddam told his armed forces. "Depend only on God, and hit hard and professionally at any flying target that belongs to the allied aggressors that penetrates the airspace of your beloved and glorious homeland."

US, British and French warplanes fly dozens of missions over southern and northern Iraq every day to enforce the no-fly zones, which now cover roughly half of Iraqi territory and reach the southern suburbs of Baghdad.

The cruise missile strikes brought a mixed reaction across the globe with strong support from allies Britain and Germany, a lukewarm response from Arab and other US allies, condemnation by Moscow, concern in Cairo and Amman, and reservations from France and Spain.

British Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind said, "We strongly support the action that has been taken by the US against Iraq."

German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel said the action was "an appropriate and justified" response to Iraqi military attacks against the Kurds.

France, one of the 1991 Gulf War allies, pointedly withheld support for Washington, saying Baghdad had not breached UN resolutions by sending its troops into the Kurdish areas of northern Iraq. Foreign Minister Hervé de Charette said Paris had been "informed of the American actions" but refrained from endorsing them.

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Netanyahu: There is no reason to fear Iraq conflict will affect Israel

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

ISRAEL'S leaders yesterday urged the public to stay calm, and said the American attack on Iraq is not likely to lead to any Scud reprisals against Israel.

The message from the defense establishment is that the gas masks don't have to be pulled out of the attic, and that the IDF is prepared to meet any possible scenario.

Shortly after the attack began yesterday morning, US Ambassador to Israel Martin Indyk briefed Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu - and later Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai - on the firing of 27 cruise missiles at military targets in southern Iraq.

"We've no special signs that point to any special problem from the standpoint of Israel and so there is no reason for making any special preparations from a public standpoint," Netanyahu said following a meeting with German Defense Minister Volker Ruhe.

"We are following the events. We are in close contact with the United States government and should there be a need for any kind of action, we'll take it," Netanyahu said.

Indyk also briefed Foreign Minister David Levy on the events.

"We explained exactly why Saddam's aggressive behavior needed to be expressed understanding and support," Indyk told reporters.

"Israel supports the US steps in light of the Iraqi violations," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement released yesterday. "Israel is aware of the inherent dangers in the policy and steps taken by Saddam Hussein, and aware of the importance of an unequivocal international response to Saddam Hussein, aimed at getting him to halt his aggressive policy and threats."

"Israel is the only country in the region directly

threatened by Iraq."

Yesterday afternoon, Indyk, together with the US Embassy's political secretary and military attaché, briefed Mordechai at the Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv.

"He detailed the targets attacked and they both exchanged assessments of the situation. The minister of defense and the ambassador agreed that there is a joint monitoring of the situation and a reciprocal updating between the US and Israel," a statement from Mordechai's office reads.

Israel is to have direct access to American satellite systems during emergency situations and every warning of a missile attack will be sent directly to the IDF's General Staff, it reported.

The arrangement would provide an instantaneous warning, instead of taking a few minutes. This agreement was reached during Netanyahu's recent visit to Washington, it said.

US embassy sources said the meeting took place on directives from President Bill Clinton and was repeated in capitals throughout the region. The sources declined to elaborate on intelligence exchanges, but noted that the meeting was the first between Mordechai and the new American defense attaché.

"There was nothing in the briefing that indicated that Israel was a target," one US source said.

Mordechai said Indyk has been in continuous contact with his office.

"We are closely following events there and have taken the necessary operational steps. To the best of my judgment, the State of Israel should and can continue life as normal," Mordechai said. "The reports we have received are very satisfying."

Military officials said that it was not reasonable

that Iraq would attack Israel since there is not the same large-scale scenario of Desert Storm, in which Saddam Hussein fired 39 Scud missiles at Israel in an effort to draw it into the war and break up the American-led coalition.

Air Force commander Maj-Gen. Eitan Ben-Eliyahu described the corps' readiness as "poised."

"The Air Force operates, in its ongoing alert, in a way that prepares exactly for these sorts of scenarios, for possible surprises. Today's situation doesn't affect us. After all, it is pretty far from here. It is a local incident in Iraq and I hope it ends that way," Ben-Eliyahu told reporters as he escorted Ruhe through an air force base in the Negev.

"What we have to do is follow developments. We have enough time to examine signals if it is developing into something that concerns us. At this stage, it does not concern us," Ben-Eliyahu said.

But former senior IDF officers dismissed the possibility of a Scud attack. Former Head of Intelligence Maj-Gen. Uzi Saguy, who has closely monitored Iraq in the past, said there was a low probability Saddam could fire Scuds even if he wanted to.

"The Iraqis won't fire missiles at Israeli territory. The Iraq capability to do so is very limited, if it exists at all," Saguy said.

Maj-Gen. (res.) Avihu Bin-Nun, head of the Air Force during the 1991 Gulf war, said he believes that international supervision of Iraq does not allow it much room for maneuvering for an attack on Israel.

"Iraq wouldn't dare fire missiles because the United Nations still is circulating around Iraq and if they do have missiles they are separated into hundreds of parts in various places and not into some system which can fire missiles," Bin-Nun told Army Radio.

Hanegbi appointed acting justice minister

SARAH HONIG

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday appointed Health Minister Tzahi Hanegbi acting justice minister.

Hanegbi will be substituting for Ya'acov Ne'eman, who recently voluntarily stepped down when the attorney-general decided to investigate him on suspicion of obstructing justice.

The fact that Hanegbi will serve as acting minister indicates that Netanyahu has still not given up on the idea of Ne'eman eventually returning to the office. Hanegbi will also retain his Health portfolio.

Hanegbi will be in the hot seat for Netanyahu tomorrow evening when the Likud Central Committee convenes. Hanegbi is acting committee chairman and

will be in charge of the proceedings, which some expect to be stormy.

The official business will consist of proposals for the party convention, slated for the spring. This will be preceded by a membership poll and then by internal elections, procedures which are already adding to tension in the party.

Netanyahu is also expected to come under fire from ideological diehards for planning to meet with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat.

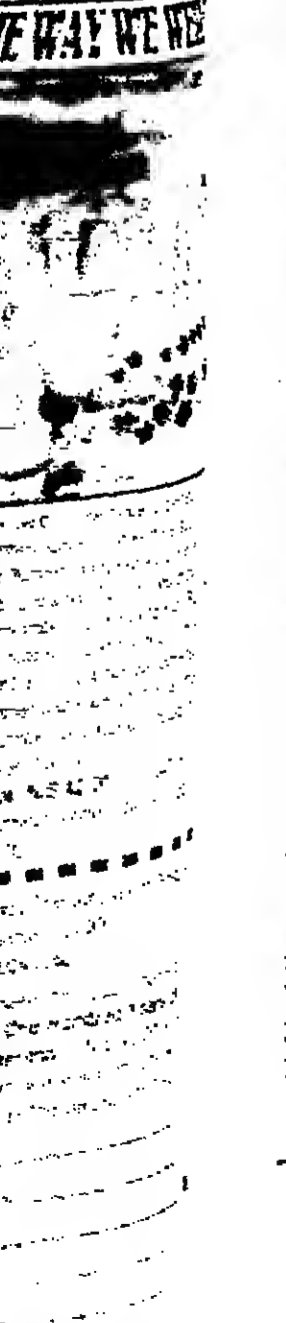
This chorus of criticism will be led by National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon and Science Minister Ze'ev Binyamin Begin. Added to this will be the frustration of local functionaries, who

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Amatzia Baram says Saddam met his goals

DAVID RUDGE

IRAQI President Saddam Hussein has scored a major victory in the eyes of his military power base and is likely to rest on his laurels for the time being, Prof. Amatzia Baram, a leading expert on Iraq, said last night.

Baram, head of Haifa University's Middle East History Department, said it was still unlikely that Saddam would threaten Israel at this stage, although the possibility could not be ruled out in the long run.

"Unlike in the Gulf war, when I predicted a few days before that he would use his missiles against Israel, there is no political sense at this stage in Saddam making threats," Baram said.

"He would have to be really desperate and on the verge of collapse before making such a decision, and I don't see that yet. If he does make threats, however, he would certainly implement them and he does retain the means to carry them out."

According to UN estimates, Iraq still has between six to 16 Scud missiles, including some with chemical and biological warheads.

"I wouldn't be surprised if he has as many as 20 and the fact that he has them is in itself a threat," Baram said in a telephone interview from Washington.

"I believe he would keep this particular card up his sleeve and only use it at the last minute when there would be nothing to lose. That has not happened yet."

"I don't think we should panic or become too excited, although we should never underestimate Saddam," said Baram, who is doing research on the current situation in Iraq for the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

Baram stressed that at the moment, Saddam had achieved his aims in capturing Irbil, the main city in the US-protected Kurdish "safe haven" in northern Iraq.

"Ultimately, he would like to recapture the whole of the region and return it to the Iraqi bosom. I think it likely, however, that he will wait for some time while he tries to assess the situation and the atmosphere in Washington before he decides on his next steps. It may take a few days or even a few weeks," Baram said.

Saddam's next step then, according to Baram, would be to try and take the stronghold of Sulaimaniya.

"It's 50-50 how he will react and what he will do next," Baram said.

"Simply by staying where he is, Saddam might be able to avert another US blow because he believes there is no clear indication from the speech of US President Bill Clinton of America's future intentions.

"If he has become big-headed, which he does sometimes, and believes that the response so far by the Americans has not been terribly powerful, he might try to press on straight away to Sulaimaniya."

"In my opinion, however, he is likely to rest on his laurels for a while. He wants to avoid provoking the Americans into a serious reaction and if he stays where he is the chances are, in his eyes, that the US will not do anything more."

Baram said that Saddam was motivated by the need to reassert himself as Iraq's leader in the minds and hearts of his military elite.

"He needs to show his officers that he is a man and a successful leader and they should not plot against him, because his officers have started plotting against him too much for his convenience," Baram said.

"He needs to give them success and so far, he has achieved a major victory. Irbil is in his hands. He was punished, but not very much, and his ool clear that the Americans will do anything if he stays where he is."

"Therefore, I don't think he will move very fast. He doesn't care very much about the deprivations of the simple people. He needs to reassert his leadership in the eyes of his army, the Republican Guard, his officers and his tribe and so far he has done this."

"At the moment he is in need of prestige and he has been able to achieve that at the cost of losing the oil-for-food deal with the UN."

"This is less important in the short term compared to his need to be a successful leader. In the longer term he will need it, but he will probably get it anyway."



People rushed to distribution centers, such as this one at Jerusalem's Malha Mall, to get new gas masks yesterday after the US attack on Iraq. (Brian Handler)

Crowds flood into gas mask stations

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

THE crowds at IDF gas mask distribution centers in the so-called Area A were so large that the Home Front Command instructed its soldiers to keep the stations open until they dealt with everyone who wanted to receive equipment.

But sources in the Home Front said the reason for the steady increase in those seeking to replace expired gas masks was more likely to have been caused by the government decision to end the program by the end of the year, than fears that Saddam Hussein may lob a few Scud

missiles at Israel following yesterday's US cruise missile attack on Iraq.

Nevertheless, soldiers answering telephones at the Home Front's headquarters said they received dozens more calls than normal yesterday. At the Bavli neighborhood distribution center in Tel Aviv, some 40 people lined up in the first half hour of operation to change their outdated gas masks, instead of the usual five.

PA minister condemns US bombing

JON IMMANUEL

THE former PLO ambassador to Iraq condemned the US attack on that country yesterday, saying it was "against international law."

Azmer Ahmad, who is now the Palestinian Authority housing minister, said he spoke on behalf of the PA in saying Iraq had the right to act inside its own borders. He questioned why Turkey and Iran had the right to act against unruly Kurds within their borders

while Iraq did not, despite Western support for Iraq's current borders.

However, while general sentiment was against the attack and no one voiced public support for it, there was no outpouring of indignation in the street.

This time, the Palestinians were also joined by most other Arab states, including Egypt, leader of

the anti-Saddam Arab coalition. Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa, like most Palestinians, said he was more concerned about the suffering of the Iraqi people than the suffering of Saddam Hussein, whom many once hailed as a hero.

PA Chairman Yasser Arafat, whose support of Saddam Hussein

during the Gulf war radically reduced the PLO's diplomatic weight, said nothing.

Arafat has spent the past four years mending his relations with Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states which expelled Palestinians in the wake of his embrace of the Iraqi leader. Last night, Arafat attended national day celebrations for Qatar, one of the Gulf states most vulnerable to Saddam Hussein's

force and that the territorial integrity and political independence and the sovereignty of Iraq will be respected," he said.

The Arab League condemned the strike, calling it "an aggression against the sovereignty of an Arab state."

"The use of military force will only lead to a deterioration of the situation and tension and instability in the region," said Esmat Abdel-Meguid, the league's secretary-general.

US officials consulted Arab leaders before attacking Iraq

CAIRO (AP) - Top US military and diplomatic officials consulted with Arab leaders before yesterday's cruise missile strike on Iraq, but did not get universal support for military retaliation against Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Robert Pelletreau, assistant secretary of state for Middle East affairs, met with officials in Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Egypt before returning to Washington Monday night.

On Monday, Shalikashvili got a Saudi pledge to cooperate in any measure to punish Iraq for its incursion into the Kurdish protected area, according to Saudi sources. Saudi Arabia hosted the US-led coalition that drove Iraq out of Kuwait in the Gulf war, and 5,000 US troops are based in the kingdom.

Jordan, however, did not offer help in any American strike and it was unclear what the Egyptian response was. After the US officials met with

King Hussein, Jordanian Information Minister Marwan Mouasher stressed that his country "will not be part of any effort that involves military operations" in Iraq.

"Jordan warns against such an escalation, calls for restraint and against resorting to violence, compliance with the resolutions of international legitimacy and to return to dialogue," Mouasher said.

The statement fell short of condemning the US missile attacks,

but added that Jordan "rejects any effort aimed at undermining the sovereignty of Iraq and the unity of its territories and people."

Mouasher denied a CNN report that Jordan would allow US jet fighters to use the country as a base.

"This is totally and categorically untrue," he said, noting no such American request even was made.

Jordan allowed US jet fighters to be based in the kingdom in May to help enforce a "no-fly"

zone in southern Iraq. But Mouasher said the current situation is different.

In Egypt - which was part of the US coalition against Iraq in the Gulf war - the US officials met with President Hosni Mubarak and Defense Minister Mohammed Hussein Tantawi.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa later said Egypt was "real-ly disturbed and concerned" about the situation in Iraq.

"We hope the Iraqi people will be spared the rigors of the use of

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Clinton administration officials reportedly strongly requested that Arafat consolidate this account with the regular PA accounts due to the need for proper accounting. They apparently feared that if not handled quickly, this issue could blow up into a media controversy.

The existence of this account recently came to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's attention, but so far there has been no authorization to halt the practice, apparently due to fears this could alienate Arafat. It remains unclear if the topic will be raised during a planned summit meeting between Netanyahu and Arafat.

It is also unclear whether this issue will be aired at the Washington donors meeting scheduled to discuss the estimated \$90 million PA deficit tomorrow.

Under the Paris agreement of 1994, Israel agreed to rebate the PA money for taxes collected from Palestinians in the following categories: gasoline excise taxes; VAT; customs; income taxes; and health fees.

It is estimated that the government transferred the following amounts to PA accounts in Gaza last year: NIS 580 million in VAT taxes; approximately NIS 30 million in customs taxes; approximately NIS 30 million in health fees; and approximately NIS 15 million in income taxes.

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complain that since Netanyahu has removed himself from daily activity at party headquarters in Metzudat Ze'ev he has become inaccessible.

To help correct that, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office Avigdor Lieberman has begun meeting with Likud activists, and many of them have been contacted in the past few days and invited to meet with Netanyahu after Rosh Hashana.

Likud insiders assert that Netanyahu will be much better off, as far as internal Likud politics are concerned, if he does not meet with Arafat in the near future and certainly should appear before the central committee session before any such meeting takes place.

A precursor to the central committee session took place last night when the Likud secretary met, offering disgruntled local party officials and activists the opportunity to air their grievances.

Secretary Chairman MK Yehoshua Matza told them that "there is full awareness, so far as the prime minister is concerned, of the need to maintain closer contact between the Likud's representatives in government and the party members."

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If Netanyahu and Arafat do not meet by Sunday, it seems the summit would have to be delayed until after Rosh Hashana since the premier is making a quick trip to the US, where he will address a meeting of American Jewish activists in New York.

The Prime Minister's Office announced last night that on Monday, Netanyahu will meet President Bill Clinton, apparently in Washington. It remains unclear if the meeting is anything more than a courtesy visit while the Israeli leader is on American soil. There were concerns in the premier's office that if such a meeting was not scheduled, the local media would interpret it as a snub by Clinton, so a meeting was sought.

Officials are not sure if Netanyahu will meet Republican presidential challenger Bob Dole next week due to the candidate's campaign schedule, but note that Netanyahu will be seeing Republican vice-presidential candidate Jack Kemp in New York.

Meanwhile, Arafat plans to fly to Rome today unless there are last-minute developments in the talks which would make a meeting with Netanyahu possible. This would be the last opportunity for a meeting before the donors' conference in Washington tomorrow.

Israel does not feel pressured to reach an agreement before the donors' conference, Gold said on Channel 1 yesterday that, "We want to help the Palestinians. It is an important goal for them. They have problems with their budget, not us. In my estimation that has to influence their judgements, not ours."

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A source in the Russian Foreign Ministry said the situation in the Gulf was "extremely dangerous." In the Arab world, only Kuwait gave full support to the US action, saying Iraq must be made to comply with international law. Egypt and Jordan expressed reservations and US ally Saudi Arabia maintained official silence. (More reactions, Pages 2 and 4)

Perry, at a Pentagon news briefing, said the issue went far beyond the need to stop an Iraqi attack into a northern Kurdish region that has been under allied protection.

"The issue is not simply the Iraqi attack on Irbil," he said. "It is the clear and present danger that Saddam Hussein poses to his neighbors, the security and stability of the region and the flow of oil to the world."

If that argument were accepted, the US action would take on the same mantle of international cause as the original effort to reverse Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

Japan is the biggest importer of Gulf oil, followed by Europe and only then the US. Clinton, reading a statement in the White House Oval Office, said the US would follow up the attack by expanding a no-fly zone in southern Iraq by one degree of latitude to further reduce the Iraqi military's room for movement in the direction of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

International investors responded by driving oil prices to their highest levels since the Gulf War and sending shivers through stock markets yesterday.

The US punishment on Iraq also came to the aid of gold and the dollar, often seen as safe financial havens at times of crisis.

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Missile strikes serve as message and clear way for more strikes experts say

THE US cruise missile strikes on Iraqi targets not only served as a message to Saddam Hussein but also paved the way for more strikes by taking out anti-aircraft defenses, former air force commander Maj. Gen. Fred Astou Bin-Nun said yesterday.



Meretz MK Anat Maor (center) joins families demonstrating for improved housing and educational opportunities opposite the Prime Minister's Office yesterday.

Education Ministry probes 'school book' suicide

BATSHEVA TSUR

THE circumstances leading to the suicide of a 12-year-old boy whose parents had not paid the fee for school books are being investigated by a committee the Education Ministry set up yesterday.

The boy's body was found on Monday night by his eight-year-old brother. He had used a long scarf belonging to his mother to hang himself. His brother's screams alerted neighbors, who called a doctor, but attempts to revive the boy failed.

been distributed. "To the best of my knowledge, no books have ever been withheld from children who cannot pay; but we have to send messages via the children to remind the parents," he said.

Technion scientists develop salmonella-fighter

JUDY SIEGEL

TECHNION scientists have developed a device that quickly produces large amounts of ozone gas to disinfect eggshells, thereby significantly reducing the danger of salmonella infection through uncooked or improperly cooked eggs.

the ozone-treated eggshell leaves the product safe for consumption, but it insisted that the company change the name of the product from Healthy Eggs to Ozone-Treated Eggs, and clearly add the word "Lid" to the company's name so that it doesn't violate regulations barring food products from making health claims.

Raphael Hanuka, Healthy Eggs Ltd.'s marketing director, noted that the relatively high price of the product is due not only to the expensive of the ozone process, but also its commitment to Ozontech that it would not sell any eggs whose shells are minutely cracked or pitted by chicken droppings.

Peretz: Employing foreign workers more profitable than drug racket

MICHAL YUDELMAN

THE Histadrut is acting to prevent the exploitation of foreign workers in Israel by their local employers, and to ensure these workers' minimal work and living conditions.

Peretz said that companies employing foreign workers gain two dollars for every work hour the workers put in, noting that each one works at least 12 hours a day.

and exploitation by their employers." The cabinet decided last week to reduce the number of foreign workers in Israel by deporting 1,000 to 2,000 foreign workers every month, as proposed by Labor Minister Eli Yishai.

Most of the foreign workers here are illegal. Yishai also suggested building closed camps near the airport where foreign workers will be kept until their deportation, but the cabinet postponed its decision on this issue to a later date.

ensuring minimal terms for foreign workers, and will deploy its labor councils and union activists throughout the country to supervise their work conditions, Peretz said.

He said the Histadrut is in advanced stages of negotiations with the Hotel Association, contractors and the Farmers' Association, the largest employers of foreign workers, to ensure these workers' rights.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Man drowns at Netanya beach
A 73-year-old man drowned yesterday morning at the Sironit Beach in Netanya. The man was swimming at around 5 a.m. where no lifeguard was on duty yet. After he was pulled out of the water, a Magen David Adom team tried to revive him, but could only pronounce him dead.

NIS 10m allocated for Jordan Valley road work
The Transportation Ministry will allocate NIS 10 million to improve the Jordan Valley Road, Transportation Minister Yitzhak Levy announced yesterday during a trip to the North. On Monday, the ministry released NIS 3.5m. to widen parts of the road, he said.

Levy also urged the government to increase settlement in the region, which he said has been "neglected."

Greek cargo ship collides with 'Zim Pacific'
A Greek cargo ship hit the Zim Pacific yesterday while en route from Piraeus, Greece, to Livorno, Italy. Zim's spokesman announced yesterday. There were no casualties or damage to the Zim Pacific's cargo, though both vessels were damaged.

Israel to give property title to Russia
Foreign Minister David Levy announced yesterday that Israel would give the title to property in Jerusalem previously held by the Soviet Union to Russia.

Levy informed Russian Ambassador Alexander Bovin of the move in a meeting yesterday. The three pieces of property are the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court building and a Russian church building, both in the Russian Compound, and a plot on King George Street.

Another 'Mineral Dampier' crewman found
The body of another crewman of the Mineral Dampier, which sank in the China Sea on June 22, 1995, was discovered yesterday.

The body was found on the main deck in a pile of objects and pieces of metal. The body was found during the third dive early in the morning by the team looking for the bodies.

Edelstein meets young Ethiopian leaders
Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein yesterday held his first meeting with young leaders of the Ethiopian Jewish community in an effort to understand the special problems facing that community.

PM meets with German defense minister
Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met yesterday with German Defense Minister Volker Rucht. The two men discussed the peace process as well as recent developments in Iraq.

Study shows angina sufferers can benefit from pharmacist consultations

JUDY SIEGEL

A GROUP of European pharmacists has found that angina pectoris patients who receive ongoing advice on medications and healthier lifestyles have much more successful treatment than those who depend on their physicians alone.

The Israel Pharmacists' Association, which is ready to adapt the European model, will press the Health Ministry for the institution of a consultation fee to be incorporated into the cost of medications that will increase pharmacists' incentives to provide such advice.

Angina pectoris is severe, gripping chest pain lasting for a few minutes. It can occur several times a day, especially after patients exert themselves. Although the initial pain can be relieved with nitrate pills under the tongue, the long-term problem - caused by narrowing or blocking of the coronary arteries - must be treated, as angina patients are three times at risk of sudden death from a heart attack as other people.

But in many countries, doctors don't have the time for such frequent monitoring, or patients don't get to their physicians often enough. Thus they prefer not to exert themselves, or explain away the pain and weakness as part of growing old.

Hirschtig presents alibi for night of snake catcher's murder

HAREL Hirschtig, the Kibbutz Deganya Bet resident charged with murdering snake-catcher Ya'acov Sela, presented an alibi at the opening of his trial yesterday in Haifa District Court.

Hirschtig's lawyer told the court that the night of the murder Hirschtig was at the Tropicana Club in Tel Aviv and an army base. He told the judges - Micha Lindentrauss, Bilha Gilor and Shmuel Berliner - that Hirschtig could not find witnesses to prove this because he is being held a police lockup.

Informer jailed for drug offense
FARID Azzam Suleiman, of Abu Sinan near Acre, who had been working as a police informer since his release from jail, was sentenced to eight and a half years' imprisonment for smuggling drugs from Lebanon and other offenses by the Haifa District Court yesterday.

Suleiman, 36, who had led the police to a ring that was counterfeiting dollars and prevented a murder, said his work for the police exposed him to the temptation of drug smuggling. He confessed to smuggling a kilogram of heroin from Lebanon in order to finance his own drug use.

of another kibbutz resident. Dan Koenig, and a 17-year-old youth had defrauded Sela of some NIS 140,000. The murder was allegedly committed to prevent Sela from pressing charges.

Police investigate teen for sexually assaulting a child
RAINE MARCUS

REHOVOT police are investigating the alleged sexual assault of an eight-year-old retarded girl by a 15-year-old Ethiopian immigrant in broad daylight at a playground outside the absorption center where they both live.

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News from Iraq, including reports on military movements and political developments.

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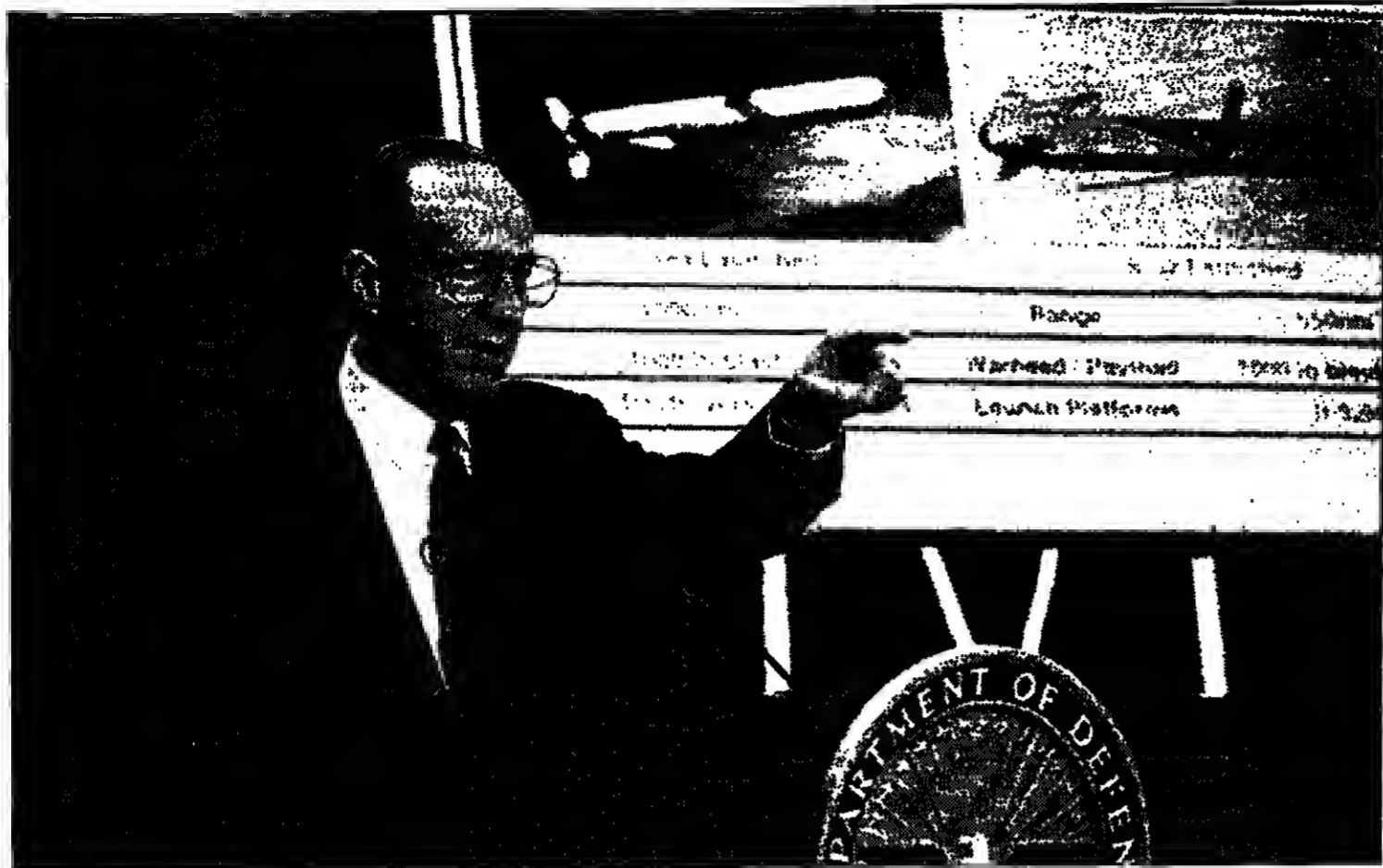
Advertisement for YOSI PEKING, a Chinese restaurant. The ad includes the restaurant's name in Hebrew and English, its address (5 Shimon Ben Shetah St. Jerusalem, Tel. 250817), and a phone number (02) 622 7230. It also features a small graphic of a building and the text 'Glat Kosher Chinese Restaurant'.

Large advertisement for the JERUSALEM POST BOOK SALE. The ad is titled 'Dear Ruthie will sign her book' and 'AACI Netanya Holiday Gifts'. It lists the participating locations: NETANYA, RA'ANANA, KFAR SABA, and HERZLIYA. The sale is on Friday, September 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at 28 Shmuel Hanatziv Netanya. It promises 'Books galore, in English, at reduced prices' and lists various items like 'Books and Puzzles for children', 'Paperbacks', 'Gift Books', 'Videocassettes', and 'Many surprises'. It also includes contact information for JP Subscriptions and home delivery.

World reaction mixed to US strike on Iraq

News agencies LONDON

THE US cruise missile strikes on targets in Iraq brought a mixed reaction yesterday, with strong support from allies Britain and Germany, concern in Moscow and Cairo and reservations from France and Spain.



US Defense Secretary William Perry points to a journalist during a press conference at the Pentagon yesterday, in the background are photographs of the two types of Tomahawk cruise missiles used in yesterday's raid on Iraq.

In London, Defense Secretary Michael Portillo warned there could be further attacks if Iraqi President Saddam Hussein continued to threaten his own people. German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel described the 27 cruise missile strikes against air defense targets as an 'appropriate and justified' response to Iraqi military attacks against Kurds in the north.

Charette told a news conference. But de Charette also noted 'France's attachment to Iraqi territorial integrity,' referring to efforts by Kurdish separatist guerrillas in northern Iraq. In Cairo, the Foreign Ministry spokesman said: 'Egypt is following with deep concern the current incidents on the Iraqi land and accompanied military movements and the use of force in north and south Iraq, increasing tension inside Iraq and the region and threatening civilian lives.'

Foreign Minister Abel Matutes told a radio interviewer. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in Jerusalem his country was following events in Iraq closely but would continue with life as normal. Japan said it supported the strikes as a way to ensure Iraqi compliance with UN resolutions that ended the 1991 Gulf War. The patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) faction said it hoped this would pave the way for Saddam's downfall.

'We welcome any action to reverse Saddam Hussein's invasion of northern Iraq,' a spokesman for the Iraqi National Congress (INC) told Reuters in Istanbul. 'But we are concerned about civilian casualties. Saddam often puts military facilities in residential areas.'

'This is a first step to undermine Saddam Hussein's regime. We hope this will lead to the fall of Saddam Hussein,' the PUK's Latif Rashid told Reuters from London. 'We want the United States and international community to help us get rid of this brutal dictator.'

Lebed modest about Chechen peace deal

MOSCOW (Reuter) - Russia's Alexander Lebed, who brokered a peace deal with Chechen separatists, said yesterday his political rivals did not need to fear he would use his success to boost a drive for the presidency.

Yeltsin has only once showed up in public since June 26, although he has made several brief television appearances. His aides deny any health problems and say Yeltsin is recovering from exhaustion from the reelection campaign.

Hurricane Fran heading for Bahamas, southeast US

MIAMI (AP) - Hurricane Fran was expected to skirt the Bahamas yesterday as forecasters urged residents along the southern Atlantic coast of the United States to brace for its arrival later this week.

Hijacker of Bulgarian airliner arrested in Oslo

News agencies OSLO

A Palestinian who hijacked a Bulgarian charter plane to Norway yesterday was arrested at Oslo airport less than an hour after landing, police said.

UNHCR evacuates endangered Moslems from Serb-controlled Banja Luka

SARAJEVO (Reuter) - The main UN relief agency began evacuating endangered Moslems from the Serb-controlled town of Banja Luka yesterday, after an angry mob evicted them from their homes, a spokesman said.

UNHCR buses were taking 11 people to neighboring Croatia yesterday and the rest of the group would be evacuated sometime next week, he added.

Bosnia, especially the Serb leadership, have continued to expel or intimidate minorities in clear violation of the peace accords, the UNHCR says.

Congress to tackle immigration issue after returning from summer recess

JUST how tough should America get with the estimated 300,000 foreigners who enter the country illegally each year? That's a question members of Congress will consider this week when they resume work on an immigration bill that would tighten asylum laws and let states deny schooling to the children of illegal immigrants.

CASSANDRA BURRELL WASHINGTON

fessor at Washington University in St. Louis.

Both the compromise and the original amendment "would result in kicking children out of school and onto the streets," Clinton said.

Mexican Zapatista rebels halt peace talks

HUATULCO, Mexico (AP) - Zapatista rebels in the southern state of Chiapas have broken off peace talks with the government, accusing its negotiators of arrogance and racism.

Handshake to seal UK's Hong Kong farewell

BEIJING (Reuter) - Britain's final departure next year from its colony of Hong Kong will be sealed with a handshake, a British minister said yesterday, confirming the two countries would share one final symbolic embrace.

for a joint event seemed doubtful. Beijing, infuriated by Patten's drive to expand democracy in the colony ahead of its return, has tried to limit Britain's role, while London is keen to leave in imperial style.

Official: Belgian sex abuse bodies identified

BRUSSELS (Reuter) - The two bodies found yesterday by police investigating the Belgian paedophile kidnapping, sex abuse and murder scandal that has alarmed all Europe are those of teenage girls abducted a year ago, a public prosecutor said.

Handwritten text in Arabic script.

Arafat finds himself squeezed by Likud, Jordan

WHEN Yasser Arafat last week left Gaza for Ramallah, it is likely that he already knew Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu would soon meet him. So, his motivation for threatening a renewed intifada cannot have been renewed frustration at Netanyahu's refusal to shake his hand.

The venue he chose for making the headline noises - the podium of the elected Palestinian Legislative Council in Ramallah - was significant, and there was more behind his call, before the council, for a general strike and mass weekend prayers at al-Aqsa Mosque and Christian churches than mere irritation with the Likud government in Jerusalem.

Even during the term of the Labor government, Arafat had found growing difficulty in maintaining control of the Legislative Council in particular, and West

Bank Palestinians in general. The Council swiftly rejected Arafat's conception of a basic law, and in close voting came very near to rejecting his entire government. There have been widespread disturbances in the West Bank against "Gazan occupation" - centered mainly on human rights issues.

Arafat was quick to sense that West Bankers were nearing the point of restoring their old, severed relations with Jordan. The arrival of a Likud government merely added to his existing troubles.

Last month he was attacked in Cairo by the hawkish Farouk Kaddoumi, the foreign affairs specialist of the PLO. "I warned you not to go to Gaza," Kaddoumi told Arafat. "You were naive to believe the Israelis."

Kaddoumi was speaking at a meeting of the Central Committee

of Fatah, held in Cairo, because Kaddoumi, the head of the PLO's international department, refuses to come to the Palestinian Authority. Arafat had nothing to say, but nodded in approval.

He returned to Gaza feeling not only the heat from the Likud and the West Bank, but also from the radical wing of his Fatah colleagues. Hence, Arafat needed to take some rapid action to restore his leadership. He needed, again, to appear to have the status of a national leader exciting the imagination of his people. His distress with the Likud government was genuine, but appearance was his overriding concern.

There were also foreign relations considerations in the timing and venue of Arafat's comments. As frequently noted, he suspects Jordan of aspiring to return to the West Bank. Arafat was able to draw several conclusions from the

recent bread riots in Jordan. The country's internal problems will hamper any moves now to strengthen its position in the West Bank. Nonetheless, he noted the loyalty of the Palestinians in Jordan to the Hashemite crown - the second time this has been apparent since similar riots in southern Jordan in 1988.

Another conclusion Arafat could draw - perhaps the most important - was that since it was in the interests of east bank Palestinians to stick with King Hussein, their brothers in the West Bank may make a similar deduction.

Arafat has to take some advantage of the internal problems in Jordan before Amman can consolidate its influence and the PA leader finds himself outflanked by

a Hashemite-Palestinian understanding in the West Bank.

Yet Jordanian Prime Minister Abed al-Salem al-Kabarti visited Ramallah, the first such "state visit" to Arafat in this major West Bank city. Kabarti's call on Arafat in Ramallah would seem to signal that Jordan has no aspirations in the West Bank, so Arafat has nothing to worry about.

Jordan's only declared interest is its role on the al-Aqsa Mosque, and on this issue it is not ready to compromise. This was understood from Kabarti's comment to the media that any (Israeli) attack on the holy places, Jordan would consider as an attack on itself.

An Amman government source later confirmed to the east Jerusalem *al-Quds* newspaper that Jordan would never surrender its moral responsibility for the holy places in Jerusalem, and that it is an integral part of its peace treaty with Israel.

A dispute over al-Aqsa erupted between Arafat and Jordan recently after the PA nominated new sheikhs to the Waqf. Jordan ordered them out, but they refused to quit the mosque and move to Abu Dis.

The argument over al-Aqsa has wider scope.

On the day Kabarti visited Arafat, Radio Palestine loudly emphasized the role of Egypt. Even at the joint news conference, while Kabarti spoke of bilateral cooperation, Arafat emphasized the role of the Arab League - an Egyptian stronghold.

Thus, he reminded Jordan that he is not interested in focusing his policy on bilateral relations but intends to give Egypt prominence in West Bank matters.

So, despite the diplomatic gesture, further deterioration of Jordan-PA relations may be

expected, not only over al-Aqsa, but across the West Bank.

After his leadership demonstration in Ramallah, Arafat went to Nablus to underscore his relations not with the big families in the pro-Jordanian city, but rather with the refugees near Nablus. There was a big gathering in Balata at which Arafat revealed he had transferred funds from the PA's deficit budget to the UN Refugee Works and Relief Agency to keep it operating until the right of return is achieved.

This meeting served not only as a message to Israel, but also to the residents of Nablus, that if they initiate any calls to King Hussein, they might find themselves in confrontation with the neighboring refugees.

In general, Arafat may be seen to be moving closer to the confrontational attitudes being led from Cairo and Damascus.

Saddam's shrewdness

DOMINIC EVANS
AMMAN

SADDAM Hussein's tactical alliance with a Kurdish rebel faction to retake the northern city of Irbil may be the most calculated move of his many show-downs with the West, diplomats said this week.

The Iraqi leader, a gambler with a patchy track record, has exploited a split in his Kurdish opponents and extended his influence towards the key Turkish border, and found a proxy force to police provinces he lost control of five years ago.

All this, while the US - Saddam's nemesis in countless run-ins with the West since his 1990 invasion of Kuwait - struggles to find international legal grounds to confront him.

"He [Saddam] doesn't have many chips to play with, and sometimes he doesn't mind losing them," said one Western diplomat. "But this time maybe he's calculated that he can get away with it."

Iraqi troops and tanks supporting the Kurdish rebel faction of Masoud Barzani took the northern city of Irbil on Saturday, raising the Iraqi flag and ending five years of fragile autonomy from Baghdad in a few hours of intense artillery bombardment.

Iraq has not controlled its three northern provinces since Kurds rebelled against Saddam at the end of the 1991 Gulf War. The US, Britain and France declared the area an exclusion zone and forbade Iraq to fly over it.

"For Saddam, this is a domestic matter," the diplomat said. "No one in the last six years has proposed that Iraq be partitioned, so he sees that he is acting within his



Three members of the Kurdistan Democratic Party give the victory sign while travelling from the captured city of Irbil yesterday. (Reuters)

Husseini: We don't want confrontation

LAMIA LAHOUD

THE Palestinian Authority does not want to get into a struggle over Jerusalem and wants to keep the issue, as planned, for final status talks, Faisal Husseini told *The Jerusalem Post*.

However, Husseini added, Israel must agree to stop its provocative actions in the capital.

Husseini, who heads Oriot House, said it would be best for both sides to keep quiet on Jerusalem and just move ahead with the negotiations. He warned that the PA could turn Jerusalem into an Arab Moslem issue if the Israeli government continues to stir things in the city.

He said Egypt, the Gulf States and Syria would back the Palestinian claim on Jerusalem. "It is a very sensitive issue in the Arab Moslem world and should be handled carefully," he said.

That the PA leadership is not interested in a confrontation over Jerusalem at this point became clear at last Friday's Moslem prayers on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. The low turnout and peaceful demeanor of worshippers, following Yasser Arafat's call to last Friday's prayers, was an indication that PA leaders are not interested in a confrontation.

There is little motivation among Palestinians to restart protests and disturbances, Palestinian sources said.

After issuing his call for mass attendances at Moslem and Christian prayers, Arafat backed off, somewhat, in order to safeguard the secret talks in Tel Aviv and the signs that the Hebron redeployment may go ahead, the sources said.

Husseini said that Arafat called the prayer protest merely to return international attention onto Jerusalem, but that he wished to avoid confrontation.

By Thursday night, intensive efforts had been made to defuse any danger of this, in talks between

Israelis and Palestinians, Palestinian and Israeli security sources said.

Palestinian security forces issued orders to the public that they were to be no disturbances at Israeli checkpoints. The mufti's Friday sermon, while strongly critical, carefully avoided any incitement, the sources said.

Most PA officials who first had promised to attend the prayers did not try to get there. "The PA is acting responsibly and working within the spirit of the agreements," a Palestinian security officer commented. "We have no interest in provoking trouble and confrontation," said Ahmed Qreia (Abu Ala), the speaker of the elected Palestinian Legislative Council. "We just want Israel to implement the autonomy agreement, starting with redeployment from Hebron."

Qreia said that with Hebron top of the agenda, it will be apparent if the Israeli government has any intention of implementing the Oslo accords. After that, Palestinians will demand that final status talks begin immediately and that Israel stop expanding settlements.

Referring to the talks between Abu Mazen and the prime minister's advisor Dore Gold, in Tel Aviv, Qreia said talks in themselves are no use if they do not lead to results and the implementation of agreements.

Many Palestinians believe the talks are merely another Israeli delaying tactic to avoid international pressure. "They are proposing to renegotiate the whole Hebron deal and that is unacceptable," said one Palestinian security officer.

He said no redeployment at all was better than a renegotiated deal with no concessions to Israel. "No redeployment," he added, "would at least draw outside pressure from Egypt and the United States for the Oslo accords to be implemented."

Brash, secular ... and it publishes in Iran

ANTHONY SHADID
TEHERAN

FOR Morad Saghafi, *Dialogue* is not just the name of his magazine. It's the way he survives, too.

Saghafi runs one of Iran's most provocative journals, tackling issues like women's rights, Iranian foreign policy and the government's fondness for conspiracy theories - topics generally considered off limits in the Islamic Republic.

Dialogue is one of a growing number of journals that are steadily expanding the boundaries of debate in Iran. One of them has provided space to an Islamic intellectual who tentatively calls for a separation of mosque and state - an anathema to a regime founded on the concept of rule by a religious jurist. Others have looked critically at next year's presidential elections and state-controlled television programs.

"Little by little, people have come to look for a way to live together, regardless of their differences," Saghafi said. "We exist because the ground is ready for that."

But running afoul of the Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance is always a worry. Hence, he says, the need for dialogue.

"We try to keep publishing the magazine so we keep up the dialogue with them," he said. "It's a very Middle Eastern way of life. Going and talking with each other, seeing each other." Saghafi visits officials at least once a week for a chat over tea that can last anywhere from five minutes to an hour.

Dialogue's survival is an indication that Iran's 17-year-old revolution is becoming more tolerant, albeit reluctantly. (AP)

Attacks on Kurds may slow Iraqi-Turkish oil pipeline plans

BAGHDAD'S attacks on Kurdish rebels in northern Iraq may have a serious financial fallout across the border in Turkey: the postponement of the opening of a joint oil pipeline with Iraq.

Officials also worry that unrest in Iraq could spill over to Turkey's Kurds, who have been fighting for autonomy since 1984. The Turkish Kurds had maintained bases in northern Iraq used for cross-border raids.

Turkey had expected to have the pipeline back in operation in two weeks under a United Nations program to allow Iraq to sell oil to buy food and medicine. Turkey considered it an

important step in beginning to recoup what it lost due to the UN trade embargo on Iraq following the 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

Turkey has already asked the UN for an exemption from the sanctions, claiming it has lost about \$23.7 billion from the shutdown of the pipeline and the halt of cross-border trade.

A UN committee decided last week to delay consideration of Turkey's request until after the UN oil-for-aid deal went into effect. Now, the entire plan could be in limbo.

UN monitors are supposed to oversee the distribution of food and medicine bought with the oil earnings. But the UN is unlikely to send in

Defiant Gaddafi celebrates 27 years in power

MONA ELTAHAWY
TRIPOLI

LIBYAN leader Muammar Gaddafi celebrated 27 years in power last weekend as dozens of jet fighters roared overhead and hundreds of revolutionary "Green Guards" shouted defiance against Western-led sanctions.

Gaddafi, 54, led a group of young army officers who seized power from King Mohammed Idris on September 1, 1969.

The Libyan leader attended half of a four-hour parade along Tripoli's sea-front, flanked by three African presidents, US Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan and several ministers from Arab and African countries.

The parade began with jet fighters performing air-loops and dozens of Soviet-made MiG fighters and French Mirage flying in formation, to an applause from crowds of Libyans.

Guests of Gaddafi's celebrations did not enjoy the same freedom in the sky.

They had to travel to Libya by land or sea because of UN sanctions imposed on the country for its refusal to hand over two Libyan suspects in the bombing of a Pan Am airliner over Scotland in 1988, to Britain or the US.

Thousands of cadets from the "armed people," who replaced the regular Libyan army in 1989, shouted "Victory, strength and will" as they ran past Gaddafi holding their rifles. The Libyan leader, wearing an army uniform and sunglasses, smiled and saluted.

Gaddafi did not speak at the parade, but he has vowed never to surrender to US pressure, saying a huge man-made river project showed his country was concerned with development and peace.

"This is the biggest answer to America and all the evil forces who accuse us of being concerned with terrorism. We are only concerned with peace and progress. America is against life and progress. It pushes the world towards darkness," Gaddafi said at the inauguration of a new phase of his "great man-made river" project.

The huge scheme pumps water from the south of the country to the Mediterranean coast.

"Just because someone refuses hegemony and colonialism doesn't mean he wants war. We want peace but we refuse to surrender. America presents propaganda," said Gaddafi. "We present clear action to the world." (Reuters)

modest hechen deal

campaign in late June, when he parked rumors that the 65-year-old leader was in poor health. He belied such speculation.

Yeltsin has only once shown up in public since June 16, although he has made several television appearances. He did deny any health problems from exhaustion from the reelection campaign.

Yeltsin, now on vacation in a nursing lodge outside Moscow, is not yet 65 and is in charge of the country. He said the president's health was good. He said he would not be in charge of the country on Monday.

Chernomyrdin, however, made a point of saying that the prospects of Yeltsin's reelection were "uncertain." He also attacked the plan to reorganize the cabinet.

"The agreement is good, but the whole thing is very uncertain," he said. "Chernomyrdin is not a member of the cabinet. He is a member of the State Duma. He is a member of the State Duma. He is a member of the State Duma."

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Crusader false gold coins found

EXCAVATORS have unearthed priceless gold coins, apparently counterfeited by Crusaders in southern Egypt about 900 years ago, Egyptian archeologists said this week.

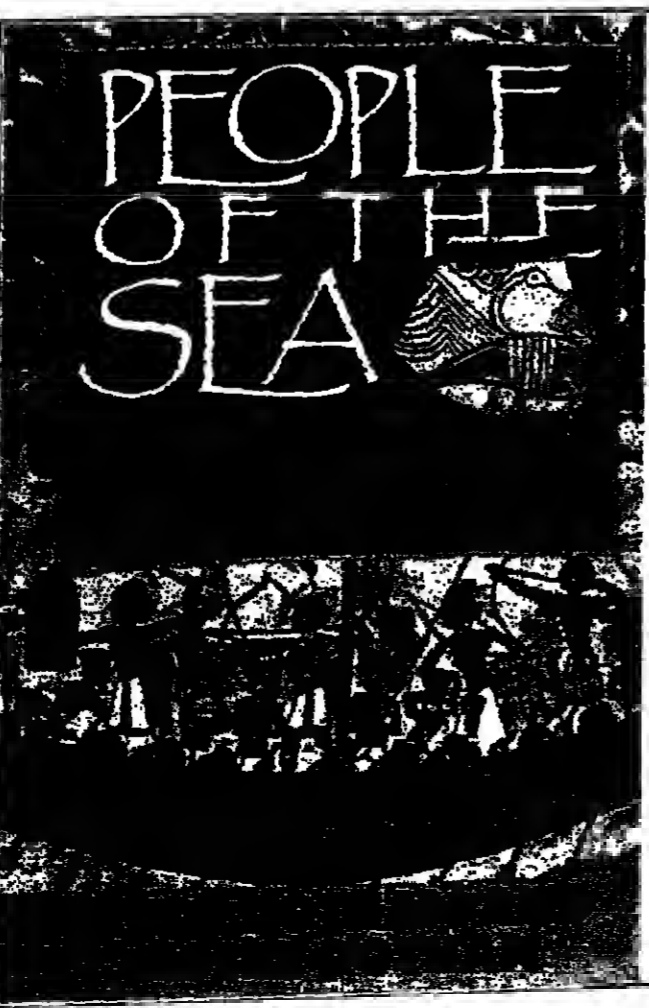
The eight coins were discovered recently in the village of Toha in the southern province of Minya - a region rich in antiquities - after villagers there stumbled upon three similar coins last year, said Abdel-Halim Nouredin, head of the Supreme Council for Antiquities.

The coins are almost perfect counterfeits of the currency used during the Fatimid dynasty, which ruled medieval Egypt from 969 to 1171 and founded the capital Cairo, Nouredin commented.

The Crusaders invaded the Middle East in 1096, arriving in Egypt in 1117 - dating the coins to the 12th century.

The coins' faces are bordered with two rows of the block-like Arabic that was so "complex and sophisticated that the falseness could not be detected easily," a statement from the council said.

Experts found imperfections proving they were counterfeited, said Abdallah Atar, a spokesman for the council. But he refused to elaborate. (AP)



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The people of the paper

A fascinating study is being conducted on the history of the Jewish press, Tom Gross reports

THERE is nothing as out of date as yesterday's newspaper. If you tried to sell a copy of one today, there would be few takers. But for those who later want to capture the spirit of the past, almost nothing is as valuable as an old edition for giving you both actual information and the feeling of what life was like.

In spite of its importance, the history of journalism is a neglected subject practically everywhere. One reason is obvious - newspapers are physically very perishable and very few people keep them. And before the advent of microfilm it was very difficult to preserve newspapers, even in libraries.

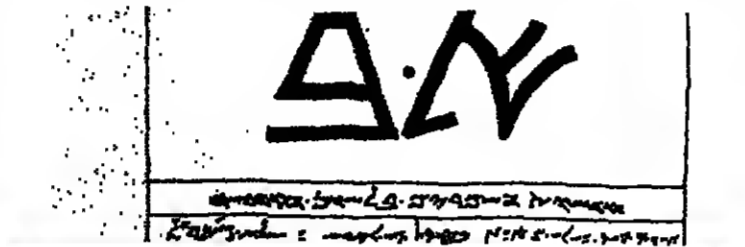
In Tel Aviv, however, there is now a project which is opening up an exciting new era in the study of journalism. The Institute for Research of the Jewish Press, which is housed at Tel Aviv University (though not part of it), is chronicling a remarkably rich and diverse 325-year history.

To study the Jewish press is both exceptionally difficult and exceptionally fascinating - for the same reasons. Difficult, because the Jewish press appeared in so many languages and often under very unsettled conditions - many papers were forced to stop publication and journalists moved from one country to another. But in this, the story of the Jewish press provides a close reflection of Jewish life itself. And fascinating because both the quantity and variety of Jewish papers and periodicals are outstanding.

Since the first Jewish newspaper in the world, *Gazeta de Amsterdam*, appeared in Italian and Spanish in 1672, many hundreds of Jewish dailies and thousands of Jewish weeklies have appeared in dozens of languages, from Afrikaans to Judeo-Tat (in Dagestan), from Swedish and Flemish to Finnish and Marathi (a language spoken in India).

The sheer number and variety are astonishing - newspapers in Hebrew, Yiddish and Ladino that have been printed using English characters; others written in German and Arabic, using Hebrew letters; Ladino papers mixed up with Persian; papers as different as the *Voice of Jacob* (Sydney, Australia, 1842) and *Het Joodische Land* (Bandung, Indonesia, 1926). The first Hebrew periodical *Pri Etz Hakayim* ("The Fruit of the Tree of Life") came out in Amsterdam in 17th century, and the first Hebrew daily (*Hayom*) in St. Petersburg in 1886.

"When we began our research, we had no idea just what a treasure trove we were going to unearth," says Shalom Rosenfeld, a founder and later chief editor of *Ma'ariv*, and the driving force behind the project. "It is an entire cultural treasure belonging to our people," says Rosenfeld, who, at the age of 81, still displays boundless energy



Since the 17th century, thousands of Jewish newspapers have appeared worldwide in over 40 languages. From top: Hebrew in Latin letters, Marathi (a language spoken in India), Hebrew-Samaritan, and Esperanto.

and enthusiasm for his work. "It's incredible. Did you know that there were three Yiddish papers in London in the 1920s, one of which was the official paper of the anarchist movement and was edited by a non-Jew," says Rosenfeld, who is fluent in Yiddish as well as five other languages. (Among other positions he was Israel correspondent for the New York Yiddish daily, *The Forward*, for 10 years.)

"Tunisia alone has had 143 Jewish periodicals and newspapers. Between 1904 and 1949, China had 40, in Harbin, Shanghai and Tientsin, published by refugees in English, Russian, German and Yiddish. A Jewish newspaper has even appeared in Japan [in Russian, in 1905]."

THE PRECISE number of Jewish newspapers published over the years has never been established, partly because new information keeps on coming to light, and partly because of the difficulty of knowing exactly how to define a "Jewish newspaper," Rosenfeld

donations and not by the university. We are fighting a battle against time, against fading memories."

The work of the institute is accessible to the general public through its own beautifully illustrated periodical, *Qesher*, which appears in Hebrew, but has English summaries and extracts at the back. Special bilingual issues in English, Yiddish, Ladino, French and Spanish have also been published.

"The press is an almost inexhaustible, albeit often biased mine of information," says Rosenfeld. "What are newspapers if not the daily diary of almost every area in the life of a nation, from diplomacy to crime?"

"And the Jewish press is a unique phenomenon in its essence, ideology, circulation and languages, its relationship to the authorities and to the gentile population."

Some newspapers chronicled by *Qesher* will no doubt be familiar to the general public, such as the edition of the *Judische Rundschau* of April 4, 1933, in which in its most famous issue, editor Dr Robert Weltsch proclaimed in huge letters in a front-page editorial "Wear your yellow star with pride!"

And as the institute's research has shown, the underground Jewish press of the Nazi era is, says Rosenfeld, "a saga without parallel in the history of the press of other peoples - a testament to the bravery and resourcefulness of people involved, who managed to obtain typewriters, printing equipment, newsprint, etc."

Rosenfeld, with a certain sadness in his voice, shows handwritten original copies he has in his office of *Unzer Stimme* ("Our Voice"), the first periodical by Holocaust survivors in Germany, started by survivors in Belsen only two weeks after liberation.

"For Jews, a newspaper has always been the faithful link that connects the near to the far away," he says. "The Jewish press, in addition to having the qualities of the gentile press, fulfilled a unique social function, in that to a certain extent it substituted for the political milieu our people lacked."

Jewish press, East and West

THE history of the Jewish press in America almost merits a study all of its own. Up until 1920 alone 871 different Jewish periodicals appeared in America, including over 50 daily newspapers in Yiddish.

The first Jewish periodical in the US, in 1823, was simply called *The Jew* (its stated aim being "to combat missionary activity among the Jews"). Later there were Jewish papers and periodicals in Ladino, German, Hungarian, Romanian, Polish and Russian. One American newspaper, *Hebrew News*, was even quadrilingual, each issue appearing with articles in Hebrew, English, German and Yiddish. "This multilingual journalistic feat," says Rosenfeld, "is believed to be the only one of its kind, either Jewish or otherwise."

In another major center of Jewish population, the countries of the former Soviet Union, a huge number and variety of Jewish publications have sprung up in recent years.

Papers such as *Kol Zion* ("The Voice of Zion") and *Yerushalayim de-Lita* ("Jerusalem of Lithuania") have replaced the officially sanctioned communist Yiddish-language papers such as *Sovetish Heimland* ("Soviet Homeland") and *Birobidzhaner Shtern* ("Birobidzhan Star").

"Perhaps no single development," says Rosenfeld, "can testify more persuasively to the spiritual and cultural upheaval that is taking place among the Jews of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union than the flowering of the free, independent Jewish periodical press after decades of suppression." T.G.



Above, Jewish immigrants from eastern Europe are received with open arms by their brethren in America in a sentimental 1890s painting typical of the period. In the background is the first Hebrew paper in the US, 'Hatsoff.' Below, the world's first Jewish newspaper, 'Gazeta de Amsterdam' (1675).

GAZETA DE AMSTERDAM

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Former Bush adviser fills in the memory blanks

A man who was found beaten up and suffering from amnesia on a Hawaiian beach three months ago, has just been informed of his identity and connected to a past right out of a Tom Clancy novel.

Philip Cutajar, 37, speaks four languages and is a former US diplomat with secret security clearance who advised former president Bush and a US senator on national security issues. Just how this former Massapequa, New York, resident came to be injured in the sand of Kailua Beach Park on the island of Oahu March 31 is still a mystery. According to his brother, the discovery of his identity has been a shock for Cutajar. He would not be interviewed for this article.

After months of unanswered questions about his past, his family and his very identity, Cutajar spoke with his younger brother, Robert, who confirmed his name and began, at long last, to fill in the blanks.

"It's very overwhelming for him," Robert Cutajar said in a phone interview. "He didn't know our father had died [in 1992]."

After recovering from swelling of the brain after his apparent mugging, Philip Cutajar told hospital staffers that his name was William Charles D'Souza.

His long-term memory seemed stalled in 1988, and was often

erroneous.

His short-term memory was nil, and eventually grew to span 48 hours.

Key memories of his past - his name, his address, his alma mater - were wrong, often only slightly. But gradually details of Cutajar's past became evident, and only heightened the mystery.

The last time his family heard from the former foreign service officer was in mid-March, when he told them he was leaving for Haiti and Brazil on a "humanitarian mission."

"He sold all his stuff and gave away his things," his mother, Sally Cutajar, said in a phone interview. "I asked him, 'What humanitarian mission?' He said, 'I'll let you know when I write to you.'"

Weeks later, he turned up on the beach in Kailua. An anonymous emergency call brought local police to Cutajar, who had no wallet or identification. He had only 9 cents, tucked in the watch pocket of his jeans. Drifting in and out of consciousness, he was taken to Castle Medical Center a couple of miles away. "The big question on our mind is how did he end up in the Pacific theater?" Robert Cutajar said.

After receiving his bachelor of arts degree in Russian language and literature from Columbia University in 1985, Philip Cutajar served in the US

Embassy in London, the US Consulate in Nice, France, and in 1987 moved on to the volatile embassy in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, where, according to his resume and State Department sources, he spent much of his time working to repatriate Haitian "boat people" who were turned back from US shores by the Coast Guard.

His next stop was at the Bureau of Politico-Military Affairs in Washington, DC, where, according to his resume, read to a reporter by Cutajar's mother, he translated classified Russian messages sent to Washington over the "hot line" as part of an arms-control agreement.

Cutajar then worked as an adviser

to Bush, where, according to his resume, he "edited and cleared" Bush's "Open Skies" proposal to let US and Soviet spy planes fly over each other's territory.

A State Department official said that he was not able to confirm the assertions in Cutajar's resume.

(Los Angeles Times)

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20 CEOs to meet Arafat in two weeks

A DELEGATION of top executives from 20 major local companies will meet with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat immediately after Rosh Hashana...

Treasury at loss to explain shortfall in internal revenue

SENIOR Treasury officials don't know what caused the drastic shortfall in internal revenues for August, a senior Finance Ministry official said last night.

DAVID HARRIS

The source said no one has been blaming Tax Commissioner Doron Levy, or head of economics and state revenues at the Treasury, Tsippora Gal-Yam, who are both currently attending a conference in Switzerland.

The incorrect forecast lies with former finance minister Avraham Shohat and not the Treasury's professional staff.

the first eight months, a 5% increase in real terms on the same period last year.

The lobby against Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel is expected to lay the blame for the shortfall on the central bank's prolonged tight monetary policy.

Ya'acov Gadish, currently a private consultant and formerly head of the Treasury's budget department, said Frenkel's policies "are ruining everything - exports, provident funds, the industrialists."

However, Gadish fell short of calling for Frenkel's resignation. "I neither dismiss nor appoint," he said.

Visiting Korean MP: We want better security ties

DAVID HARRIS

SEOUL wants to improve security links with Israel, according to senior Korean parliamentarians who met here with Israeli leaders.

Bilateral trade between Israel and Korea should double or triple over the next three years to \$3 billion, senior Korean politician Lee Han Dong said Monday night.

Lee, tipped to be the next president of the ruling New Korea Party, is on a five-day visit and says Jerusalem should make Seoul its main partner in economics, defense and culture.

During meetings with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and opposition leader Shimon Peres, Lee stressed the opportunities for strategic joint ventures between Israel's high-tech companies and Korean industrialists, saying a combination of the two would be a very strong economic force.

"I think that we both have potential for a boundless increase in trade," said Lee.

Korea is also keen to improve security links with Israel, according to Lee. Both countries have accused North Korea of selling SCUD missiles to Arab countries.

"I believe there will be large investments here from Korea and joint ventures are already being sought," said Israel's first ambassador to Korea Asher Naim.

While Lee, also the Korea-Israeli Congressional Friendship Association chairman, and colleagues from three opposition parties are here, two new organizations have been established to improve relations: the Israel-Korea Friendship Association, which will be chaired by Naim, and its Knesset equivalent, to be headed by Meir Sheerit.

Last year bilateral trade surpassed \$1b.



South Korean labor union leaders of the huge conglomerate Daewoo have their heads shaved to demand, among other things, an end to the practice of corporate CEOs giving bribes to top government officials in return for preferential treatment at a rally in central Seoul yesterday.

Sara Lee in Migdal Haemek joint venture

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

CHICAGO-BASED food and consumer product conglomerate Sara Lee has formed a joint venture with Migdal Haemek-based Nilit for the manufacture of POY yarns.

The companies refused to disclose the terms of the deal, but said Sara Lee will not be involved in the ownership of Nilit, which will maintain a majority stake in the new company, named S.N. Fibers.

Sara Lee, which is engaged in a broad range of different products, is considered the leading manufacturer of women's hosiery in the world.

The company, which has annual sales exceeding \$1 billion, has already been involved in various ventures in the Israeli textile industry.

The new plant is situated on the grounds of Nilit's existing facility in Migdal Haemek, and its output is intended to be purchased by Sara Lee for processing.

Nilit is a manufacturer of nylon yarn mainly for the women's hosiery industry and the producer of nylon polymer for the plastics industry.

The company's sales exceed \$100m. per year, most of which is exported.

Over the past few years Sara Lee has expanded its activities in the field of women's hosiery into Europe, Latin America and the Far East.

In Europe the company's products are sold by well-known companies such as Ditta, Filodoro and Pretty Polly in Europe.

In the US, the company's pantyhose products are represented by the L'EGGS, Hans and Donna Karan brands.

Advertisement for Israel Discount Bank with text: 'Want to keep in close touch with your securities till 11 PM?' and 'ISRAEL DISCOUNT BANK'

De Benedetti to step down as chairman of Olivetti

MILAN (Reuters) - Italian tycoon Carlo De Benedetti is stepping down as chairman of electronics group Olivetti, Italian television reported yesterday.

The state RAI television gave no source for the report, which came after the conclusion of an Olivetti board meeting held in Milan.

Company sources later confirmed De Benedetti was stepping

down as chairman and would be replaced by a member of the board of directors Antonio Tesone.

However, a spokeswoman for the Olivetti group declined to comment, saying a statement was due later.

Olivetti shares fell more than five percent on the Milan bourse yesterday as rumors abounded about the company's financial problems and on talk of conflict

between De Benedetti and new managing director Francesco Caio, who took over from Corrado Passera in July.

ANSA news agency later reported that De Benedetti would also leave the Olivetti board.

The news agency said Caio would be in charge of day-to-day management, while the company was expected to set up an executive committee.

Museum Co. to open stores here

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE MUSEUM Company, a retail chain specializing in selling licensed reproductions of artworks from some 200 museums around the world, plans to open four stores here, the company said this week.

The stores will be opened next year in Tel Aviv, Herzliya, Haifa and Jerusalem at a total investment of \$2.5 million.

Each store will display about 1,000 items.

The company's deputy general manager, William Edwards, is currently in Israel to examine the local retail market and find suitable locations for the stores.

During his visit, Edwards plans to meet with local investors, Judith Shen Dar, general manager of Shendars, has received the franchise to operate the stores here.

The Museum Company is the largest chain in the world, selling licensed reproductions of artwork from the collections of some of the world's largest museums, including The Metropolitan in New York and the British Museum.

The company buys most of its reproductions from small manufacturers, who pay the museums a 5% to 15% royalty on sales.

The chain has an annual sales turnover of about \$80m.

Airbus reveals \$3b. in new orders IAI signs contract with GE to replace Cobra engines

THE FARNBOROUGH AFFAIR STEVE RODAN and news agencies

EUROPE'S Airbus Industrie yesterday announced \$3 billion worth of new orders and traded insults with US giant Boeing Co. over who sold the most planes.

The spat between the two arch rivals dominated Farnborough, one of the world's largest air shows, where bulging order books showed the industry had bounced back from recession.

The European consortium accused Boeing of playing fast and loose with market share figures. Boeing insisted it was still overall leader.

The two also came to verbal blows over sales forecasts and cost estimates for a new generation of "super-jumbo" jets planned by Airbus in its battle to break the Boeing monopoly.

Boeing enlivened the show on Monday by announcing a \$6.36 billion package of plane sales.

Airbus fired back yesterday by announcing orders for 44 planes around the world from North America to South Korea.

Sales at the Farnborough fair this year are already three times bigger than they were at the last show in 1994.

Airbus' top order was for 18 A321 short-haul aircraft from South Korea's Asiana, a new customer for Airbus that could hopefully produce other multi-billion dollar sales.

International transport company Federal Express Corp took 11 A300-600 freighter aircraft, Hong Kong's Cathay Pacific bought three more ultra long-range A340-300's and the German airline Condor agreed to buy 12 A320 type planes, although the latter awaits full Condor approval.

ISRAEL AIRCRAFT INDUSTRIES announced it has signed a contract with General Electric to replace the engines of the Cobra helicopter with the advanced T-700 model.

General Electric executives, announcing the new deal at the Farnborough Air Show outside London that opened on Monday, said their engine division will display the benefits of the T-700 over the existing AH-1 engine currently in Cobra helicopters deployed in the IAF.

No figure for the contract was given.

Louis Bavalacqua, director of GE's engine project, and Ofer Shifrim of IAI's Cobra helicopter division, said in a joint statement that "the new engine will give the Cobra an improved transport capability to allow for additional ammunition and the engine, which saves on fuel, will allow it a longer range."

"The project to replace the Cobra engine will improve significantly the operations of the helicopter and reduce maintenance costs and give it a longer life," the statement said.

In another development at Farnborough, Elbit and the Romanian company Aerostar have unveiled the improved Mig-21, called the Lancair.

The improved Soviet-made plane is part of a contract by the two companies to upgrade the Mig's for the Romanian force.

Industry sources say the Elbit-Aerostar project is one of the most comprehensive of the Mig upgrades now being performed by former East bloc nations.

The Elbit-Aerostar upgrade, begun in 1993, includes advanced avionics said to have improved the operational capability of the aircraft.

Test flights of the upgraded Mig began in August 1995.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Bank Discount offers protection against drop in yields: Bank Discount is offering customers a new service to protect themselves against a drop in yields, by guaranteeing a profit in case index-linked bond yields fall below their base yields.

The new service is intended for investors who expect the situation on the bond market to change and yields to be lower in a year's time.

If the yields fall during this period, the profit from the contract will be higher than the expected profit from investing directly in bonds, but the investor takes upon himself the risk of losing money if yields increase. The bank has set the base rate at 5%, which will be changed from time to time according to the bank's discretion.

Galit Lipkis Beck

60% of retail store customers buy gifts for the holidays: About 60 percent of all retail store customers purchase gifts for the holidays. Co-Op economists reported yesterday. According to the company, 34% of the customers buy household items, 25% chocolates, 12% cosmetic items and household textile items, 10% expensive food products and 7% purchase baskets of products.

Jerusalem Post Staff

Koor invests NIS2.7m. in buying more Tadiran shares: Koor Industries has invested NIS2.7 million in the purchase of additional shares in Tadiran, the company informed the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange this week. The latest acquisitions have increased Koor's share in Tadiran to 62.07% from 61.9%.

Koor said the shares were purchased in the framework of its business strategy to increase holding of companies which make up its core business. During the last few months, the holding company has purchased packages of shares in Agan, Makhteshim, Shemen and Knafaim-Arkia Holdings.

Koor completed the first half of the year with a rise in net profit to NIS392m. from NIS339m. during the same period last year. The increase in net income was mainly the result of the improvement in the profitability of Tadiran. For the first half of the year, Koor's share in the net income of Tadiran grew to NIS141m. from NIS111m. during the same period last year.

Galit Lipkis Beck

Sony, Matsushita, Sanyo to buy new Vishay Israel chip: Sony, Matsushita and Sanyo have signed agreements to purchase Vishay Israel's electronic power resistor chip, the company announced yesterday. Vishay recently started to produce the newly patented chip at its plant in Dimona.

Since the chips introduction to the market last year, the product was produced only in Vishay Intertechnology, the parent company's US plant. The company said the chip is good for many applications, including personal computers and automotive engine controls. It is also used in lithium batteries, where it saves space, extends battery life and is cost effective, the company said.

Galit Lipkis Beck

Telrad wins \$15m. deal in Ghana

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

TELRAD Telecommunications and Electronic Industries, the Lod-based manufacturer of telecom equipment, has signed a \$15 million deal with Ghana's telephone firm to provide switch board equipment.

According to the agreement, Telrad will supply DMS-10 and DMS-10 international switches.

General manager Bazalel Levin said the deal is in line with the company's efforts to increase exports and expand activities worldwide.

The contract was signed at the

second part of an international tender in which leading telecommunication companies like Siemens and Ericson took part.

The agreement was signed between Levin, Stan Gisella, general manager of Ghana's telephone company, and Ubun Makarai, a member of the board of Ghana's telephone company.

Last month Ghana telecom awarded Motorola (Israel) a \$10m. contract to upgrade its phone system.

Meridor hears rural sector on budget cuts

DAVID HARRIS

FINANCE Minister Dan Meridor will consider claims of the kibbutzim and moshavim that planned budget cuts will have serious repercussions for their settlements.

Representatives of kibbutz industries, farmers from the various agricultural sectors and local councils attended a meeting at the Treasury to discuss their fears.

"There is no refuge from economic considerations, even concerning Zionist areas such as agri-

culture and settlement," Meridor said. "Because of the current budgetary problem, it is my intention to save every agora I can."

Meridor also said agriculture comprises less than 20 percent of kibbutz incomes. The recent decision to raise water prices to farmers was also justified, he added.

Agriculture, with a NIS150 million reduction, is one of those sectors earmarked for sweeping cuts to its 1997 budget.

ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS

Table with 4 columns: Currency (deposit for), 3 MONTHS, 6 MONTHS, 12 MONTHS. Includes rates for U.S. dollar, Pound sterling, German mark, Swiss franc, Japanese yen, Dutch florin, Swedish krona, Norwegian krone, Danish krone, French mark, Canadian dollar, Australian dollar, S. African rand, Belgian franc, Austrian schilling, Italian lira, Jordanian dinar, Egyptian pound, Irish punt, Spanish peseta.

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (3.9.96)

Table with 5 columns: CHECKS AND TRANSFERS, BANKNOTES, Rep. Rates. Includes rates for Currency basket, U.S. dollar, German mark, Pound sterling, French franc, Japanese yen, Dutch florin, Swiss franc, Swedish krona, Norwegian krone, Danish krone, French mark, Canadian dollar, Australian dollar, S. African rand, Belgian franc, Austrian schilling, Italian lira, Jordanian dinar, Egyptian pound, Irish punt, Spanish peseta.

*These rates vary according to bank. **Bank of Israel. SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

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Key Representative Rates table showing US dollar, Sterling, and Mark exchange rates against the NIS.

NYSE STOCK MARKETS table showing New York market indexes like DJ Industrial, DJ Transport, and NYSE Composite.

NYSE stocks table listing various stocks such as IBM, Microsoft, and Intel with their prices and changes.

Israeli stocks in NY table listing companies like Bank Leumi, Bank Hapoalim, and Bank Mizrahi.

INFL MONEY MARKETS table showing dollar crosses and interest rates.

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Foreign financial data table providing information on foreign exchange and financial metrics.

US commodities table listing prices for various commodities like oil, wheat, and metals.

US commodities table (continued) listing prices for additional commodities.

London commodities table listing prices for commodities traded in London.

Spot market metals table showing prices for various metals.

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London metal fixes table showing prices for metal transactions in London.

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading and Two-sided trading tables listing various Israeli stocks and their market performance.

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Large table of international stock prices for various countries including New York, London, Paris, Frankfurt, and others.

Shares higher amid recovery in bond market

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

DAN GERSTENFELD

Two-Sided Index 184.02 +0.72% Maof Index 194.09 +0.43%

Shares closed higher in mixed trading following another rise in the bond market, traders said. The benchmark Two-Sided Index gained 1.31 points, or 0.72 percent, to 184.02 on an all-share turnover of NIS 67 million against NIS 56m. on Sunday. The Maof Index rose 0.43% to 194.09.

Euro shares above lows, dollar below highs

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuters) - Fears of higher interest rates and news of US missile attacks on Iraq rattled Wall Street and European bourses yesterday, but the markets later fought back, recovering from their lows.

Dow rebounds, closes higher

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks rebounded from sharp opening losses yesterday, ending mixed, as the bond market shook off another bout of inflation and interest rate worries.

CURRENCY CROSS-RATES

Table showing currency cross-rates for various countries including the UK, Germany, Japan, and others.

BRIEFS

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Maccabi TA beats Aris, faces Panionios tonight

JOEL GORDIN

THE "new-look" Maccabi Tel Aviv basketball team last night won its first game of the season at Yad Eliyahu, beating Aris Saloniki 82-76 in the first of eight of the Tel Aviv Basketball Tournament.

The Israeli club will meet Panionios, 91-73 victors over Bayer Leverkusen in the tournament's first game last night, in tonight's finals starting at 9 p.m. The Germans and Aris will duel for third place in the earlier game at 7 p.m.

Those among the Maccabi fans who came expecting fireworks from their heroes were disappointed. The Israeli champions still have many bolts to tighten, both on defense and offense.

Maccabi held onto a slim lead throughout the dull, slow-moving first half. For most of the play, coach Zvi Sherf favored the shorter, faster-moving combination of Nadav Henefeld, Brad Leaf, Doron Sheffer, Buck Johnson and Randy White. However, much of their play lacked polish and they threw away a number of points by careless losses of possession.

Maccabi's play, however, improved after the break. Derek Sharp, White and especially Johnson put together some fiery, fast moves and piled on a lead which Aris was unable to overtake. Johnson led Maccabi with 24 points.

He was followed by White (18) who, however, showed touches of the aggressive streak which landed him in much trouble in recent years in the European leagues. Sharp could well prove to be a second Willie Sims, coming off the bench and injecting fight into his team at crucial moments.

Sheffer and Oded Katash did not live up to expectations. The former still has a lot of jet-lag to overcome after his three years of Big East ball. His play is not yet suited to the slower moving European game. Still, oodling success like success and Sherf and the Maccabi management can be satisfied with last night's result.

For the visitors, Yannis Siotis scored 15 and Charles Shackelford and Jose Ortiz each sank 14. The Aris coach made few changes during the game, seemingly neglecting crack players like Mario Boni, who saw little court time.

Panionios 91

Bayer Leverkusen 73

In the earlier match, the German coach, Dirk Beumann apologized in a post-game TV interview for the poor performance of his team.

However neither he nor his squad was to blame. Following the US's track on Iraq, both Leverkusen's American players, Kevin Pritchard and Tony Dawson, fled the country yesterday afternoon, refusing to remain in a "war zone." To boot, the second Leverkusener guard, Michael Brenen, was hurt and could not take the court.

The depleted German squad gave up the ghost before the opening buzzer and the result was a one-sided, boring game. Panionios led by 25 to 30 points for most of the play with Leverkusen only making up ground during garbage time at the end.

There was, however, a development which added some color, at least for Israeli fans. Beumann received permission to add former National Basketball Leagueer Gilad Katz to the squad for the contest. The point guard has been overlooked by Israeli teams and is hoping for a place in a European club. Katz, who is recovering from an injury, put up a creditable performance, scoring 10 points, three assists and three rebounds.

Maccabi coach Zvi Sherf was keeping an eagle eye on Panionios, a team Maccabi needs early in the European Champions League. However, there was little to be learned from the performance in such a cake-walk. There were a few bright moments for the Greek squad on offense with Panis Christouloulou (17 points) in the vanguard.

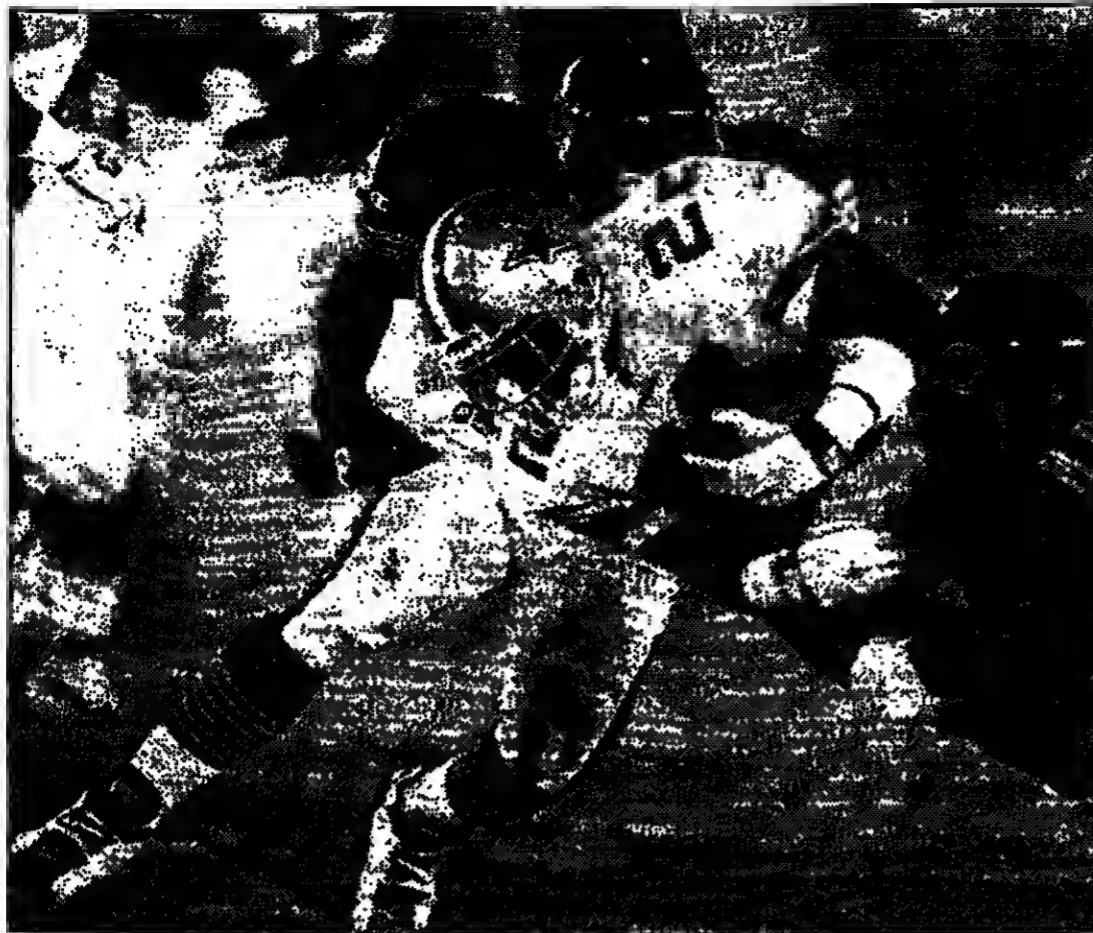
Sheff Wed wins, goes 5 points clear

SHEFFIELD (Reuter) -

Sheffield Wednesday maintained its 100 percent record and went five points clear at the top of the Premier League on Monday by beating newly-promoted Leicester City 2-1.

Wednesday, who escaped relegation on the final day of last season, has now made its best start in 65 years, winning its first four matches and scoring twice in every game.

Joseph Hoffman
Sports Editor



DOWN AND OUT - Dallas Cowboys RB Emmitt Smith suffered a back injury and is likely to miss next week's game against the Giants.

Bears top Cowboys, Smith carried off

CHICAGO (AP) - The Dallas Cowboys' season-opener was already lost. Then the defending Super Bowl champions really lost Monday night, as four-time NFL rushing champion Emmitt Smith was carried off the field with an injury.

By the time Smith got hurt while diving over the top of defenders after a fake handoff with 3:41 to go, the Cowboys already were beaten by the Bears. Chicago used two trick plays and an intense defensive effort to win 22-6.

The Cowboys said after the game that Smith had pain up and down his back but had movement of all his extremities, and team officials said X-rays showed no serious damage.

Team physician Dr. Robert Vandermeer said early yesterday he was "fairly positive" Smith would not be able to play Sunday against the New York Giants. He said it was possible that Smith might be able to play in two weeks.

Greenwell has 9 RBIs in Bosox win; Cone triumphs in return

SEATTLE (AP) - Mike Greenwell set a major league record by driving in all nine Boston runs, the final one scoring on his single in the 10th inning to give the Red Sox a 9-8 win on Monday night.

Greenwell, who had four of Boston's seven hits, hit a two-run homer, a grand slam, a two-run double and his single to account for all nine runs. By driving in all his team's runs, Greenwell broke the record of eight RBIs shared by George Kelly of the New York Yankees (1924) and Bob Johnson of the Philadelphia Athletics (1938).

In the 10th, Will Cordero and Jeff Mantlo walked with one out. Greenwell followed with an RBI single to left off Rafael Carmona (6-3).

Alex Rodriguez hit his 35th homer for the Mariners.

Yankees 5, Athletics 0

David Cone's first start since having an aneurysm removed from his pitching arm four months ago was dramatic - and nearly historic.

Cone, coming back from shoulder surgery that some thought might end his season, pitched seven hitless innings in New York's win in Oakland.

His chance to join Mariano Rivera on the first combined no-hitter in the major leagues since 1991 was ruined when Jose Herrera beat out an infield single with one out in the ninth.

Cone, whose fingers were numb and blue after his previous start on May 2, struck out six and walked three before Yankees manager Joe Torre removed him after 85 pitches.

Cecil Fielder hit his 33rd homer for the Yankees.

Ariel Prieto (4-7) took the loss.

Orlando 12, Angels 8

Todd Zeile hit his first two home runs for visiting Baltimore, and the Orioles homered five times.

The win moved the Orioles into a tie with the Chicago White Sox for the AL wild-card spot, and kept Baltimore four games back of first-place New York in the AL East.

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	73	64	.533	-
Chicago	74	65	.532	-
Seattle	71	68	.518	2
Boston	71	67	.514	2 1/2

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	75	62	.547	-
Montreal	74	62	.544	1/2
St. Louis	73	65	.529	2 1/2
Colorado	71	68	.511	5

plays wasn't enough, however, to keep the Cowboys from losing their opener for only the second time in seven years.

Raymont Harris caught three passes for 103 yards and was on the receiving end of both of Chicago's trick plays. The Bears' defense contained a Dallas offense that obviously missed suspended receiver Michael Irvin and injured tight end Jay Novacek.

The Bears, whose defensive collapse cost the team a playoff spot last season, held Smith to 70 yards on 18 carries and hounded quarterback Troy Aikman all game. The defense clinched the victory with 8:47 to play, when Aikman fumbled as he was sacked by blitzing Kevin Minifield and Bryan Cox recovered in the end zone for a 22-3 lead.

Smith got hurt on Dallas' next possession, landing on his neck and shoulder as he came down to the Soldier Field turf. The game was delayed for about 10 minutes as medical personnel immobilized Smith's body and carefully lifted him onto a motorized cart.

It was a horrible ending to a horrific game for the Cowboys, who played nothing like champions.

Expos 4, Giants 3 (11)

FP Santangelo's sacrifice fly and Lenny Webster's RBI single helped Montreal rally in the bottom of the 11th inning for its third straight win.

With Giants leading 3-2, Rod Beck (0-8) hit Mike Lansing leading off the 11th and Lansing took third on David Segui's single.

Shane Andrews walked with two outs and Santangelo hit a shallow fly to left field, launching beat Barry Bonds' throw, sliding head-first around catcher Rick Wilkins.

Barry Manuel (3-1) pitched one-third of an inning for the win.

Rockies 8, Pirates 3

Vinny Castilla, Walt Weiss, Dante Bichette and pitcher Kevin Ritz boomer for visiting Colorado.

The Rockies scored as usual with homers and in a unique way as Andres Galarraga swung at what was supposed to be ball four of an intentional walk by Matt Rubeel in the eighth. A surprised Jeff King booted the ball at second for an error, allowing Weiss to score and leading to Bichette's three-run homer.

Colorado ended a four-game losing streak to stay on the fringe of the NL wild-card race, and Ritz (14-10) stopped his three-game losing streak.

East Division	Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
East Division	Atlanta	84	53	.613	-
	Montreal	74	62	.544	9 1/2
	Florida	67	71	.486	17 1/2
	New York	61	77	.442	23 1/2
	Philadelphia	55	83	.399	29 1/2
Central Division	Houston	74	65	.532	-
	St. Louis	73	65	.529	1/2
	Chicago	68	68	.500	4 1/2
	Cincinnati	68	69	.498	5
	Pittsburgh	57	80	.416	16
	West Division	San Diego	77	62	.554
Los Angeles	75	62	.547	1	
Colorado	71	68	.511	8	
San Francisco	58	77	.430	17	

East Division	Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
East Division	New York	77	60	.562	-
	Baltimore	73	64	.538	4
	Boston	71	67	.514	6 1/2
	Toronto	63	75	.457	14 1/2
	Detroit	50	88	.362	27 1/2
	Central Division	Cleveland	81	56	.591
Chicago	74	65	.532	8	
Minnesota	69	69	.500	12 1/2	
Milwaukee	67	72	.482	15	
Kansas City	64	75	.460	18	
West Division	Texas	77	60	.562	-
Seattle	71	68	.516	6	
Oakland	68	74	.471	12 1/2	
California	63	75	.457	14 1/2	

MONDAY'S NL RESULTS:

Los Angeles 8, New York 5
St. Louis 8, Houston 7 (10)
Colorado 8, Pittsburgh 3
Montreal 4, San Francisco 3 (11)
Florida 4, Chicago 3
San Diego 5, Philadelphia 1
Cincinnati 7, Atlanta 6

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Ivanisevic, Corretja head for quarters

NEW YORK (AP) - His thunderbolt-serve serves punctuating the match, fourth-seeded Goran Ivanisevic battered his way into the US Open quarter-finals yesterday.

The left-hander Croatian pounded out 20 aces in his 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6(7-5) victory over unseeded Andrei Medvedev of the Ukraine.

In another fourth-round match, Spain's Alex Corretja defeated Guy Forget of France 6-4, 6-3, 7-6(7-5). The victory earned the unseeded Corretja a spot in the quarter-finals against the winner of last night's match between top-seeded and defending champion Pete Sampras and hard-serving Australian Mark Philippoussis.

Ivanisevic, with one of the biggest serves in tennis, has reached the quarter-finals on the hardcourts of the National Tennis Center for the first time. He next will face the winner of a late match last night between Stefan Ebergh, playing in his final Grand Slam tournament, and Britain's Tim Henman.

"I played very well," Ivanisevic said. "Every time I had a break point, I played a good point."

Although he hit only 48 percent of his first serves, Ivanisevic had only one double fault, Medvedev, on the other hand, had 12 aces and

six double faults. While he is known for his huge serve - several were clocked at 128 mph (206 kph) in yesterday's match - Ivanisevic also hits his groundstrokes with power.

Against Medvedev, he hit them with, for Ivanisevic, a semblance of accuracy. The Croat finished with 51 winners and 51 unforced errors.

Last year's finalist Andre Agassi knows what's next for him. It's what he calls "big tennis."

"Big tennis is when you get two guys trying to establish their will out there on the court," Agassi said.

That's exactly what Agassi expects in his quarter-final matchup against third-seeded Thomas Muster.

"We both are going to be beating the ball pretty good for the baseline. You'll hear explosions off the racket four, five, six times a point," he said. "That's big tennis."

Agassi, seeded sixth in the year's final Grand Slam tournament, grabbed a spot in the quarter-finals Monday by defeating fellow American David Wheaton 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4. Muster, a left-hander from Austria, advanced by downing No. 13 Thomas Enqvist of Sweden 7-6(7-4), 6-2, 4-6, 6-1. Muster is ranked No. 2 in the

world, but was dropped to third in the US Open seedings by the US Tennis Association, exchanging places with Michael Chang. The USTA made several other changes, including boosting Agassi from No. 6 in the rankings to No. 6 in the seedings.

When Muster, a dominant force on clay courts, briefly took over the top rung in the rankings earlier this year, Agassi questioned how a player could be No. 1 if all of his top results came on a single surface. On Monday, Agassi said his statement was taken out of context.

"The guy worked hard for something he finally accomplished, and he probably felt like I was dismissing him, and I wasn't," Agassi said.

Under questioning, Agassi refused to call his quarter-final meeting a sort of grudge match.

"Come on. We're in the quarter-finals of the US Open. We both have won big events before," he said. "We both want to do it again. That's what we're both going out there and trying to do. To make it anything more is a waste of time."

Agassi, attempting to become the first player to win the Olympic gold medal and the US Open men's singles in the same year, encountered very few problems against Wheaton, although he did drop the opening set.

'Mystery donor' makes a call on nat'l soccer team

ORI LEWIS

THE national soccer team was faced with an embarrassing situation yesterday after the Hebrew daily, *Ma'ariv*, revealed that some of the players received a cash handout from an anonymous donor following their win over Bulgaria on Sunday.

The identity of the donor remained a mystery, with even the players saying they did not know from where the generous gift, said to be NIS 80,000, came.

Realizing their foolishness, the players involved - who were not named - stated through IFA Managing Director Ya'akov Erel that the money would be donated to charity.

Last night, Channel 1's *Mabat* program showed footage of the man, who was reportedly ushered into the dressing room with a woman and two children by

team manager Avraham Bendori, apparently at the request of veteran captain Nir Klinger.

Bendori, coach Shlomo Scharf and his assistant, Yitzhak Shum refused to answer questions related to the matter.

IFA Chairman Azrikam Milchan and Erel said they viewed the incident as an extremely serious matter but they did not indicate that any disciplinary action would be taken.

In other news yesterday, Maccabi Tel Aviv, without several of its first-team players, beat Ironi Rishon LeZion 3-0 at Ramat Gan in one of the two Toto Cup matches held over from the weekend. In the other match, Maccabi Haifa and Hapoel Beit She'an played out a goalless draw at Kiryat Eliezer.

LaFontaine powers US past-Russia in World Cup

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Par LaFontaine, who sat out the World Cup opener with a slight groin injury, had a short-handed goal and two assists as the US clinched first place in the North American pool by shutting down Russia 5-2 on Monday in the World Cup of Ice Hockey.

By finishing atop the North American pool, the US (2-0) earned a bye into the semifinals, where it will meet the winner of the quarter-final between Russia and Finland on Sunday at Ottawa. Sweden, first in the European pool, also has a bye into round two.

"My groin was a little sore, but the adrenaline got going and I felt good," said LaFontaine, a member of the 1994 US Olympic team and now a star with the NHL's Buffalo Sabres.

"There's a lot of pride in this room. All these guys are world-class competitors. Everybody's focused and we know the job is not yet finished. We've proven we can beat Canada and Russia, but the bottom line is winning it all."

The US was scheduled to complete the opening round against Slovakia last night at New York.

The US never trailed after LaFontaine set up a goal by Adam Deadmarsh of the Colorado Avalanche just 26 seconds into the game. LaFontaine carried the puck down the right wing and slid a cross-ice pass to Deadmarsh, who ripped a one-timer from the left faceoff circle past goaltender Nikolai Khabibulin of the Phoenix Coyotes.

The U.S. doubled its lead at 7:08 when LaFontaine assisted on a goal by John LeClair of the Philadelphia Flyers. LaFontaine's shot trickled through Khabibulin and was resting in the crease when LeClair one-handed it over the goal line as he went behind the net.

Mike Richter of the New York Rangers, playing on his home rink, finished with 32 saves, including nine in the first period. Russia's best chance during the first 20 minutes came when Sergei Nemchinov of the Rangers was left alone in front, but Alexander Mogilny could not handle the puck to set him up.

Keith Tkachuk of the Coyotes

World Cup of Ice Hockey Standings

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	P
EUROPEAN DIVISION							
Sweden	3	3	0	0	14	3	6
Finland	3	2	0	1	17	11	4
Germany	3	1	0	2	11	15	2
Czech Republic	3	0	0	3	4	17	0
AMERICAN DIVISION							
US	2	2	0	0	10	5	4
Canada	3	2	0	1	11	10	4
Russia	3	1	0	2	12	14	2
Slovakia	2	0	0	2	7	9	0

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CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE 1996/97 season opens tomorrow night with a recital on music lover can afford to miss, Daniel Barenboim, who spends most of his time these days conducting the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the Staatsoper Berlin, leaves the podium for one night for the sake of the piano he loves so much. Barenboim plays Schubert's G major piano sonata and the first book of Preludes by Debussy at the Jerusalem International Convention Center (8:30) as the opening recital of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra's Great Recitals in Jerusalem series. Not to be missed!



Conductor Daniel Barenboim temporarily leaves the podium to play the piano.

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

ACTOR Doron Tavori is also a translator and a fan of the late French playwright Bernard-Marie Koltès. He's Ahad, a homeless derelict, in the Beersheba Theater production of Koltès' 'Quai Ouest' (The Western Pier), which Tavori translated. It's the story of a failed hanker (Gedalia Besser) who goes to the deserted pier to kill himself, but a bunch of down-and-outers teach him some strange lessons about life. The play is the swan-song for director and BT artistic director Gadit Roll who will leave the theater when his contract expires in October. The premiere is tonight at the Beersheba Auditorium at 8:30 p.m. (Hebrew)

dialogue. Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended for children.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

***** THE ADVENTURES OF PRISCILLA, QUEEN OF THE DESERT - Stephen Elliott's film is a delightful chronicle of a gay Sydney cabaret act's journey across the Australian wilderness. Appropriately enough for a picture about cross-dressing, Priscilla derives its wacky eclecticism from the seeming opposites it dares combine. The film blends the chance happenings and wide-open freedom of a road movie with the choreographed urban exuberance of a musical revue. It also mixes giddy slapstick with deeper feeling, parody with pain. As the dignified transsexual Bernice, Terence Stamp manages to endow impending seediness with a kind of aristocratic grace. He also looks good in lipstick. (English

*** HEAVEN'S PRISONERS - In Phil Jeannot's moody thriller, Alec Baldwin plays a former New Orleans cop who finds himself back in action when he and his long-legged, sympathetic wife (Kelly Lynch) witness the crash of a plane in the bay near their home. They pull a little girl, the only survivor, from the wreckage and decide to call her their own, a move which leads, rather inevitably, to a string of mysterious, violent occurrences.

While there is a certain strained suspension of disbelief involved in a plot like this one, which requires of the hero that he both exude very intelligence and act quite foolishly, strutting headlong into all sorts of life-threatening situations, Baldwin makes it all come alive and seem thoroughly plausible. In his hands, the illogic of a script becomes the irrationality of a character - a far more compelling prospect. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance very strongly advised.)

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MIDDLE EAST TV
8:00 TV Shop 14:00 The 700 Club 14:30 Breakout in Hollywood A radio talk show changes the lives of a quarrelling couple. Starring Tom Brennan and Bonnie Grenville 16:05 Urban Passants 16:30 Dennis the Menace 17:05 The Dick Van Dyke Show 18:30 Inc. 18:40 The A-Team 19:30 World News Tonight 20:00 CNN 20:30 Coach 20:55 Earth 21:45 Sea Quest 22:35 The 700 Club 23:05 Larry King Live 23:15 TV Shop 23:00 Quantum Shopping 3:00 TV Shop
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ETV 2 (23)
15:30 Butterfly Island 16:00 Pillor of Fire 17:00 Homeland 17:35 World of Wonder 18:00 Welcome to France 18:30 Communicating with children 19:00 Faces of Culture 19:30 All in the Family - repeat of popular local comedy series with Russian subtitles 20:00 A New Evening (with Russian subtitles) 20:30 Basic Arabic 21:00 Star Trek - The Next Generation 21:45 Pop Songs 22:00 Zombi 22:30 Mozart on Tour 23:15 Jazz at the end of the summer
FAMILY CHANNEL (3)
8:00 Sisters (pt) 8:00 One Life to Live (pt) 8:45 The Young and the Restless (pt) 10:30 Days of Our Lives (pt) 11:20 Perla Negra (pt) 12:10 Neighbors (pt) 12:50 Dallas (pt) 13:30 Days of Our Lives (pt) 14:45 The Young and the Restless 15:30 Local Headlines 16:00 The Young and the Restless 16:30 Melrose Place 21:40 Sisters 22:30 Silk Stalkings 23:30 Frasier 23:45 Melrose Place 00:30 Models Inc. 1:15 Hill Street Blues
MOVIE CHANNEL (4)
11:00 Storia de Raggaza (1991, Italian) - the son of a bourgeois family falls in love with a Tuscan farm girl, and their families have them marry. Common to all common than they thought (pt) 13:00 The Last of the Red Hot Lovers (1972) - A middle-aged man turns his mother's feet into a love nest, but finds that seeing the movie means he has to see the sex. With Alan Arkin. Directed by Gene Saks (97 mins.) 14:40 Seeing Stars 15:30 Hijacked Flight 285 (1996) (pt) 17:05 Short Circuit (1986) - a sophisticated robot comes alive and refuses to return to his maker. Directed by Jay Lebowitz (94 mins.) 18:45 Trapped and Deceived (1994) - a
rebellious girl sent to a psychiatric institution discovers corruption involving the head of the institution (pt) 20:20 Lethal Error (1990) - when Elizabeth's son is accused of murder, she takes the law into her own hands to find the real killer and clear her son's name (88 mins.) 22:00 Antonia and Janis (1981) 23:15 Le Corps de Mon Ennemi (1976, French) - Jean-Paul Belmondo is a nightclub owner sent to prison for a crime he didn't commit. When he gets out, he vows revenge on his enemies (115 mins.) 1:15 A Criminal for Killing (1990) - a small-town cop has difficulty coping with a visitor from the city who has come to check on his work and is having an affair with his daughter (pt) 3:00 Pay Off (1991) - a former cop seeks revenge on the mafioso who killed his parents (pt)
CHILDREN (6)
8:30 Cartoons 9:05 Jin Jin and the Panda Patrol 9:30 Troopers 9:55 Little University - In the Past 10:30 Hangin' with Mr. Cooper 10:55 Saved by the Bell 11:15 Rocko's Modern Life 11:35 Max Glick 12:00 Chiquititas 12:45 The Simpsons 13:00 Surprise Games 13:30 Little Dracula 14:05 Blinky Bill 14:35 Simba King of the Jungle 15:00 VR Troopers 15:25 Little University - Inventors 16:00 Welcome Freshman 16:25 Saved by the Bell 16:45 Rocko's Modern Life 17:00 Lucifer 17:30 Chiquititas 18:15 Popocoma 18:40 Make-Believe Closet 19:00 Legend of the North Wind 19:30 The Simpsons Company 20:00 Married with Children 20:25 Rosanne 20:50 The Plan and Stumpy Show 21:05 Big Brother Jack 21:30 Whose Line Is This Anyway?
SECOND SHOWING (6)
22:00 Zentropa (1991, German) - An American G.I. goes undercover in post-war Germany where he meets the daughter of a railroad magnate, who persuades him to join a group of Nazi sympathizers planning an attack on American soldiers. With Barbara Sukowa, Jean-Marc Bann and Jean-Louis Sydow. Directed by Lars von Trier (107 mins.) 23:50 Traffic (1970, French) - M. Hulot attempts to transport a new car from Paris to an Amsterdam car show, but gets into difficulties on the way. Starring and directed by Jacques Tati (92 mins.)
DISCOVERY (8) 6:00 Open University 12:00 National Geographic Explorer (pt) 13:00 Messengers from Moscow (pt) 14:00 Open University 16:00 National Geographic Explorer (pt) 17:00 Messengers from Moscow (pt) 18:00 Open University 20:00 The Wild South 21:00 Cousteau 22:05 The Secret of Inner Joy 23:30 The Wild South (pt)
SUPER CHANNEL
8:00 The Selma Scott Show 7:00 NBC News 7:30 ITN News 8:00 Today 11:00 European Money Wheel 16:00 Wall Street Morning Report 17:00 US Money Wheel 18:00 Business Tonight 19:00 ITN News 19:30 Portraits of the Century 20:00 Europe 20:00 20:30 The Selma Scott Show 21:30 Dateline 22:30 ITN News 23:00 P&G 00:00:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 1:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien 2:00 Later with Greg Kinnear
STAR PLUS
8:00 Aerobics 8:30 Nanny and the Professor 7:00 Mr. Belvedere 7:30 Graham Ker's Kitchen 8:00 El TV 8:30 Gabriella 9:30 Santa Barbara 10:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 11:00 Oprah Winfrey 12:30 Newsday 13:00 Steve 14:00 Ker's Kitchen 13:30 El TV 14:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 14:30 Black Beauty 15:00
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Ma'achal, Left unite TA gainst haredi ties in plenum

EVELYN GORDON

Left united against the Ma'achal in the Knesset yesterday... The resolution was adopted by the cabinet...

and the court's rulings, to conduct a serious discussion of public issues, and to refrain from attacks and threats on the Supreme Court and its justices.

However, Yehonatan Rubinfeld joined the haredim's criticism of the court's activism, saying it interfered in many matters - such as the religious status quo - which should be left to the Knesset.

The debate was periodically punctuated by angry jibes from MK Moshe Gafni (United Torah Judaism), such as: "It's okay for the secular [to criticize the court], but not for the religious - that's the only difference."

However, Knesset Finance Committee chairman Avraham Ravitz (UTJ) eloquently defended his party's position later in the session.

"This is not an argument over whether the country should be run according to Halacha or according to [Israeli] law," Ravitz said. "The debate is between democracy as expressed by the people's elected representatives, and the High Court of Justice... We believe these things [i.e. church-state issues] need to be discussed here, in the Knesset, rather than by the court."

Ravitz then quoted one of Barak's own verdicts: "We are commanded as judges to give expression not to our own opinions, but to what appear to be the views of the public. This means the enlightened and progressive portion of the public."

This is precisely what is wrong with Barak, Ravitz said: That he sets himself as the judge of which part of the public is "enlightened" and ignores the remainder - including all religious Jews.

"This is a quotation which shoves 1.5 million citizens aside," he said afterward.



The "This is Brazil" dance group warms up yesterday as a prelude to next month's Wine Festival in Rishon LeZion.

Army warns settlers: Submit firearm permit requests or risk confiscation

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

SOME 30 percent of settlers holding army-issued weapons in Judea and Samaria have still not submitted requests to keep their firearms and have until mid-September to do so or risk having the weapon confiscated, military sources said.

Military sources in the Central Command said they view the 70% response to the request as a success, but warned that the army will take away the weapons held by the rest if they do not submit a request by mid-September.

Those who will be allowed to continue holding the weapons will be given a new permit issued on a magnetic card. In addition to the gun permits, the army has also reviewed arsenals in settlements. Some were found to have more weapons than residents and the surplus was taken back to military armories.

Hanegbi maintains agreement on Hebron will allow Jewish community to expand

EVELYN GORDON

THE government will not accept any agreement on Hebron that does not grant the Jewish community there the right to expand, Health Minister Tzahi Hanegbi told the Knesset yesterday.

Hanegbi was responding for the government to a motion for the agenda on Hebron during a special Knesset session. Haim Oron (Meretz), who submitted the motion, argued that the government had no right not to withdraw from the city, because this was part of a signed agreement.

Hanegbi stressed that Hebron was different from the other major cities of Judea and Samaria - not only because of the presence of a Jewish community there now, but also because there was a Jewish presence there for most of the last 2,000 years, until the Arabs massacred the Jewish residents in 1929, and because of the special religious significance of the city.

Hanegbi said that even the Labor government postponed the withdrawal from Hebron before the elections because it realized the agreement as signed was a disaster.

Quarter, Palestinians looked askance at the talks over Hebron's future. Riyadh Al Hadad said, "There is no difference between Netanyahu and Arafat. That is what Hamas says and Hamas is stronger here. He will agree to what the Israelis say. Who is Arafat anyway? He has an Egyptian father and a Jewish mother."

Netanyahu Nazi than Hitler

Netanyahu is a Nazi, not a Hitler, said a columnist in a recent article. The columnist argued that Netanyahu's policies towards the Palestinians are more reminiscent of the Nazis than Hitler.

High Court: MKs Boim, Re'em must quit their jobs as mayors

EVELYN GORDON

TWO MKs must immediately vacate their posts as mayors, the High Court of Justice ruled yesterday, in a decision which will affect some 12 other MKs as well.

The ruling was in response to two petitions by members of the Kiryat Ata and Kiryat Gat local councils, both of which argued that according to a new law, their respective mayors - Likud MKs David Re'em and Ze'ev Boim - should have resigned immediately upon being elected to the Knesset.

Re'em and Boim, basing themselves on another paragraph of the same law, argued that they were obliged to give up their mayoralty only six months after the Knesset elections.

Justice Aharon Barak, Shlomo Levine and Dalia Dorner agreed that there was a clear contradiction between the two paragraphs. One paragraph stated that MKs must give up their positions in any public organization immediately upon entering the Knesset; the other said MKs cannot hold any outside job, but this rule will not apply during the first six months of an MK's Knesset term. The justices decided, however, that the first paragraph should take precedence.

The petition claimed that the alternate site which the army is offering the Jahalin Beduin tribe is not in Area B, but in Area C, the state told the High Court of Justice yesterday.

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